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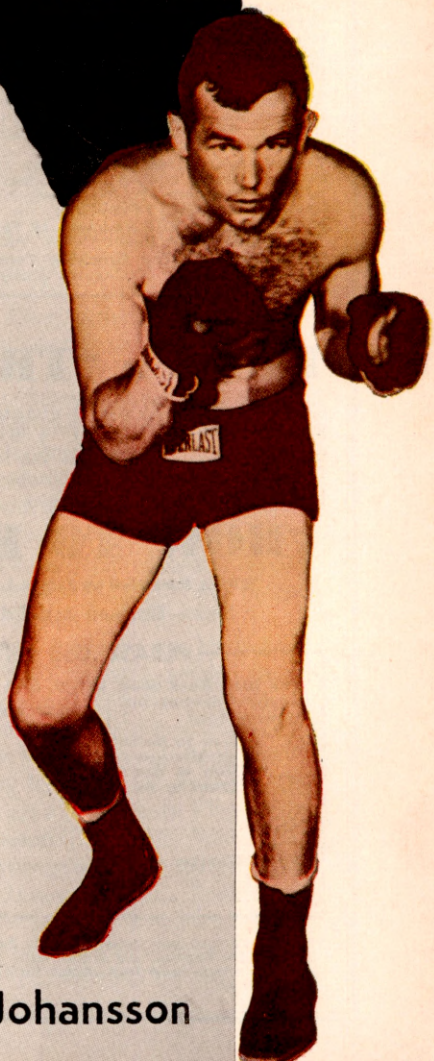

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Title In Freeze Again—
U. S. Skill Sets World Pace
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THERE now is a cruel destiny about the heavyweight championship of the world. First there were involvements growing out of Rocky Marciano's retirement. Then came Floyd Patterson's victory over Archie Moore, and we all felt that now we had a young and durable champion, who would give us action, and instill into the boxing situation a much needed return of dynamic quality.

However, Patterson was, and still is, managed by Cus D'Amato, the man who calls himself a crusader.

D'Amato declared war on the International Boxing Club and placed Patterson and his championship in deep freeze.

When Floyd did fight, he met Pete Rademacher, a rank amateur, in a heavyweight title match utterly without precedent. Later came the affair with Roy Harris, another none too experienced heavyweight. Then came the Brian London fiasco.

Ultimately D'Amato was prodded into signing with Ingemar Johansson, and the Swede stopped Floyd and became the new champion.

This was hailed by nearly all well wishers of boxing, not because of personal antipathy to Patterson, but with the feeling that it was good for the game to get D'Amato out of the driver's seat. Now he was the beggar, not the arrogant commander. Now he had to take what the new champion was willing to give.

However, that cruel destiny cropped up and now we have the title again in deep freeze, and who knows when and where Johansson will defend it?

There is a contract for a return fight with Patterson. Then the lawyers come along and ask, "*Well, is there a contract? There are the matters of the writ of certiorari and the habeas corpus, not to forget the lis pendens and the caveat emptor.*"

Grand Jury investigations in New York, smelly revelations by District Attorney Frank Hogan, charges here, counter blasts there, hearings before the Boxing Commission, delays and delays. Patterson sits around disconsolate, Johansson flits through Hollywood and Park Avenue, and then goes off on a tour of South America.

That cruel destiny! It winds its tentacles around the title and the figures in the title situation, and we wonder what next.

The Ring Magazine no longer believes that when and if the second fight between Johansson and Patterson comes off, it should be in New York, where the first contest was held, in Yankee Stadium.

It would be well to move the fight as far from New York as Los Angeles. There are reputable business men who, given the chance, would be glad to sign up the fighters and take the contest to the vast Coliseum by the Pacific.

In so far as heavyweight title competition is concerned, New York needs a purge.

But, be it in Los Angeles or Chicago, New York or Houston, New Haven or Cut and Shoot, the boxing game needs a heavyweight title fight.

AMERICAN BOXERS STILL SET WORLD PACE

The ease with which Davey Moore disposed of Bobby Neill, British featherweight champion, in their non-title bout in London, following Hogan Bassey's two knockout defeats by the same American in world championship matches, indicates the extent to which the top men of American surpass the leaders in other parts of the world.

In addition to the above, Brian London this year was halted by Floyd Patterson in a heavyweight world title bout and Alphone Halimi, the French-Algerian, was stopped by Joe Becerra of Mexico in a bantamweight championship contest.

Becerra also stopped Mario D'Agata of Italy, former world crown wearer. The only American top-rated boxers whipped by foreigners this year were Willie Pastrano, who lost to Joe Erskine but no longer is ranked, and Joey Giardello and Gene Armstrong, each of whom lost to Dick Tiger of Nigeria who is among the top ten in the middleweight ranks.

Despite ordinary talent in most of the divisions in America, the leading boxers surpass those of foreign lands. Mexico, in particular, has a crop in the lower divisions that stands out prominently.

There is a limit to the optimism of even an eternal optimist like Ernie Braca. No manager in recent years has had to contend with a more erratic fighter than Tony Anthony. In one fight Tony would shape up as a spectacular ring machine; the next time out he'd be a bitter disappointment.

But Braca never wavered in his belief that Anthony would eventually become a world champion. Even when Tony, in a bid for the light-heavyweight title, was knocked out by Archie Moore, Ernie insisted it was only a temporary setback and the youngster would be a sure winner the next time he met Ancient Archie.

When Anthony was badly beaten by Jesse Bowdry, Braca decided that maybe it was a mistake having the young man remain in the light-heavyweight class.

"He's growing and should be fighting the big fellows," said Ernie. Setting his sights on a match with Floyd Patterson, and eventually a title bout with Ingemar Johansson, Ernie matched Anthony with Alonzo Johnson. Tony won in impressive fashion. Braca was certain now that Anthony was on his way to a

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PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

WHY NOT JOHNSON?

Dear Sirs:

I have been a constant reader of your magazine for some time now. I think that it is a great contribution to the boxing sport. Your magazine has influenced the making of bouts that might not have come off if it had not been for your magazine. But never have I read where your magazine has printed a line about the match light heavyweight contender Harold Johnson so honestly deserves. Why, sir?

Johnson is by far the best of all light heavyweights in the world and he deserves a crack at the title. Archie Moore has been dodging Johnson for five years now. Something should be done about it. I know your magazine must agree with me in some manner.

Your magazine is the voice of boxing. The commissions will consider your opinion.

Henry A. Jones
Lake Charles, La.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE???

Gentlemen:

What does it take for Gaspar Ortego to win a decision? I get the feeling, after so many bad decisions, that the odds prevailing at ringtime may have an influence on the judging.

Ortega's Oct. 30 fight with Fernandez was the absolute worst decision I've seen in 8 years of TV fight viewing and I haven't missed any of them. I defy anyone to point out 1 round in which Gaspar failed to deliver 20 blows for each one from Fernandez. Granted that Fernandez hits harder, he didn't land anything except to the shoulders, elbows, and spine, while Ortega pinpointed punch after punch and displayed real boxing skill.

The uncalled for decisions of late coinciding with the so-called odds make me view my favorite sport in disgust. Surely, there must be some means by which men who know boxing (and this means capability) can be licensed to judge fights and be paid accordingly much in the manner of baseball umpires. Something should be done and maybe you can bring it about.

Jim Graham
Russell, Kansas

KEEP SOME TRADITION

Dear Sir:

In the November issue of "Ring" I took particular note of Tony La Rosa's "Punch Lines" regarding the pre-fight instructions that each competitor must undergo in the ring prior to the bout.

I agree in part with Tony's viewpoint, but only in part. Let us say that it is a bit ridiculous, as he inferred, in many incidences—but then many of the rites and traditions of sportsdom are, in the light of cold facts, ridiculous; before a major league baseball game the playing of "Take Me Out to The Ball Game", or at the Derby "My Old Kentucky Home," etc.—but even though these customs are time consuming, I believe that they instill glamour and color to the sport that more than overbalance the time and practicable element.

In this day and age of TV, boxing has become too stylish; gone are the stars of David, the Shamrocks, the Tattered Indian Blankets, and other marks of distinction that once added color to the ring game.

Let us not forsake the few remaining traditions in favor of conformity.

The pre-fight instructions, and introductions are but a few of the remaining privileges granted pugilism. Let's hang onto them before boxing becomes strictly a black and white skeleton of a once colorful and great game.

Lee Kerr
Kerr's Korner
Cheboygan Daily Tribune
Cheboygan, Michigan

NO CHUCKING

Dear Sir:

Since 1954, I have bought every copy of "The Ring" and I must say I am sure that there is no other magazine that can equal the high quality of reports and information supplied therein. "The Ring" is not just an ordinary journal but a necessity for every boxing enthusiast.

However, I feel that when Mr. Nat Fleischer says "In England, when all is lost, a fighter 'chucks' it" as he did in his report on the Moore-Bassey fight published in the November issue. I must protest most strongly. Mr. Fleischer has known the fight game for over 50 years and I thought he knew enough about it to realize that he was talking nonsense when he made that remark.

Bassey's retirement at the end of the tenth round astonished many British fans as well as you Americans.

When Charlie Hill, former British Featherweight Champion, lost his title to Bobby Neil, he was floored ten times before being knocked out in the ninth round. Freddie Gilroy put Peter Keenan on the seat of his pants about the same number of times when he won the British and Empire Bantamweight crown. Joe Erskine stood on his feet for 13 rounds soaking up a beating from Ingemar Johansson and the fight was stopped because of his badly cut eyes. You could probably relate many more such instances than I could but I am trying to make my point clear.

Graham J. Ware
Didcot, Berks, England

SOME DECISION

Dear Sirs:

I have been buying Ring magazine for a long time and I would sure feel bad if they upheld the decision made by the judges on the October 30 fight between Hermandez and Ortega. Hernandez is a good puncher but Ortega was way ahead on points. I hope boxing doesn't turn into another one of these wrestling matches you see on T.V.

Or do I need another drink?

Jack L. Smith
Kansas City, Kansas

PHEW!

Gentlemen:

I would like to state that I believe Gaspar Ortego was robbed of the decision in his fight with Florentino Fernandez on Wednesday, October 30, 1959. I also believe that the crowd on the whole agreed with me. I just can't see how it was possible for Fernandez to win the fight. His punches only landed about 25% of the time while Ortega's punches landed on the average of about 60% of the time.

I believe that the persons who are judging the fights are incompetent and that someone who is capable should be judging the fights.

Richard Smith
Sandpoint, Idaho

NOT IN MY BOOK!

Dear Sir:

With all due respect to Lester Bromberg's article in the October Ring magazine, I want to say that his quotes regarding Gene Tunney were sure irritating.

Tunney's old habit of downgrading his truly great opponent, Jack Dempsey, is simply his indirect way of boast-

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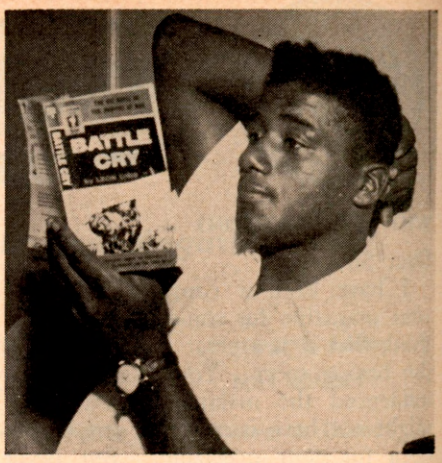


Patterson Sweats It Out

Heavyweight Situation Gasps for Fresh Air

By **DAN DANIEL**

WHEN Ingemar Johansson won the world's heavyweight championship by knocking out Floyd Patterson last June, in New York, those eager for the health and well-being of boxing were highly gratified.

Here was a new champion who would defend the title soon, and who, if he retained it, could be depended on to make frequent appearances in the ring and maintain high interest in the sport.

What has happened? The return match between the Swede and the American still is a good way off. No site as yet offers itself. The Rosensohn Enterprises, which promoted the first match and was to do so again in the second fight, has been thrown out of the New York picture by the New York Boxing Commission.

Patterson is sweating it out in his home in Rockville Centre, Long Island.

Johansson has been making a picture in Hollywood, plans an early return to Sweden, and does not appear to be too seriously concerned with rings, gloves and punches. He has gone off on a tour of South America.

Johansson has placed himself in the hands of advertising agents and others who have told him they can make him a millionaire.

The Swede has become a social butterfly rather than a defender of the world title, and boxing is in a rut again.

JOHANSSON HAS ACQUIRED SOME DISTURBING NOTIONS

Readers of The Ring Magazine are aware that this publication had much to do with getting that championship opportunity for Johansson. This magazine was first to spot the Swede as a strong contender. It was the first to give him world wide recognition by naming him the 1958 Fighter of the Year over Archie Moore.

When the publisher of the The Ring Magazine planned to present to Johansson a world championship belt, which this publication presents to every new titleholder, on a famous television program seen from coast to coast, the Johansson connections announced that this had to be worth a lot of money to him.

For a boxer to be ungrateful is nothing new. But for Johansson to ask to be paid for letting The Ring Magazine give him a $700 belt and honor him on a national telecast, evidences a type of money obsession which is disturbing.

All of us want to see Johansson make money. He is in the game for money. But there are various degrees of preoccupation with money making. Let us say that he has not been advised too well and let it go at that. The title is new to him. The championship atmosphere is rarified.

While Johansson tours and Patterson sweats, the heavyweight situation, long suffering, is suffering some more.

Out of the series of hearings held by the New York Commission first came revocation of the license of the Rosensohn Enterprises to promote fights within the state.

This hardly affected William Rosensohn himself. He had become submerged in that corporation to the Vincent Velella interests.

There was an assumption in New York newspapers that now the return fight between Johansson and Patterson could not be held in New York. Velella appeared to foster that impression by showing up in Miami with a purported plan to hold the fight during the Winter in the Orange Bowl in that city.

However, it was pointed out that Velella could transfer his stock and his interest in the returned match, and a new corporation could be set up under a different name.

Soon came the announcement that a new boxing group headed by Joe Tepper, former official of the New York Commission, had been organized to hold major fights in New York.

William A. Shea, chairman of the Mayor's Baseball Committee and founder of the Continental Baseball League, was announced as counsel of the new group.

Entry of yet another organization into the Johansson-

Patterson situation did not greatly encourage the belief that the fight would be held in New York, or that it was likely to come off in the near future.

PATTERSON MUST WONDER ABOUT HIS LOYALTY

Patterson has had considerable time to realize what D'Amato has done to him, to appreciate how damaging Cus's maneuvers have been to the former champion's standing and reputation.

All the time that D'Amato was raving and ranting as an alleged crusader and a violent battler against the so-called monopolistic position and deleterious practices of the International Boxing Club, he was alleged to be mixed up with questionable characters.

While Patterson was giving unwavering support and unquestioning loyalty to D'Amato, Cus was in reported association, as Patterson's manager, with characters Floyd would not have liked to see at his own dinner table.

Patterson must have been shocked when he learned that if he had lost the title to Roy Harris, one Charley Black, associated with D'Amato, would have cut in for ten percent of the Texan's purse.

Patterson must have wondered how much loyalty he still owed to his manager when Floyd found out about the effort to cut one Harry Davidow in for ten percent of Johansson's purse against Floyd.

Patterson must have been shocked when he read about Trigger Mike Coppola and Fat Tony Salerno, Frankie Carbo's pal as boxing connivers.

Floyd must have been rocked when he discovered the maze of promotional, and other, machinations involving the incredibly mixed up Rosensohn Enterprises and the reputed sources of the cash behind the Patterson-Johansson promotion.

Cus D'Amato, manager of Patterson whose suspension by the New York commission following an investigation has cast a shadow on the former champion and his chance of getting a return bout with Johansson.

World Champion Ingemar Johansson, said he would be a fighting champion but has shown more interest in picking up the soft money from personal appearances, exhibition and appearing in movies and on television than in fighting.

CUS SET UP ONE OF BOXING'S BIGGEST HOAXES

D'Amato's so-called crusade to "purify the air of boxing" and eliminate Jim Norris and his IBC, now is revealed as one of the most fantastic hoaxes yet pulled in the much hoaxed sport of boxing.

It's funny now to look back at two D'Amato visits to the offices of The Ring Magazine. He had accused this publication of taking sides with Norris and against the famous D'Amato drive for "free enterprise and clean boxing."

The first time Cus came to this magazine's offices he brought with him a whole flock of "witnesses", among them Tommy Loughran. Cus explained that he was *"not going to be misquoted."*

The second time the "holy crusader" came to the Ring Magazine headquarters he was accompanied by Edwin S. Schweig, Patterson's lawyer. Once again, D'Amato was supposed to be protecting himself from *"a garbled interview."*

The Ring Magazine stated D'Amato's "case" carefully. It permitted him to write out a special statement under his signature, which was published without change.

The Ring Magazine knew that D'Amato was throwing up a smoke screen. It tried to dig out the truth of reports which had Cus acting as a mere front for the real "owners" of Patterson. At the time D'Amato appeared to be less than what he purported to be, an angry man determined to fight the IBC for reasons which, in part, were revealed, and in part lay in the background of doubtful descent and questionable purity.

D'Amato was not so eager to break up a monopoly as to set one up for himself and those who now are revealed as his associates. A guy who had been content to sleep on a cot in a musty gymnasium and live on $25 a week had become Ajax, defying the lightning. What a laugh, and what an Ajax!

OPEN DOORS, WINDOWS, LET IN FRESH AIR

Now then, where do we all go from here? When will Johansson fight Patterson again? Who will do the promoting, and where?

It would be splendid if new people got into this situation, if Velella and D'Amato, Rosensohn and others mentioned in connection with the promotion of the first fight were heaved out.

It would be splendid if the doors and windows were thrown wide open and a lot of fresh, clean air were allowed to flow into the premises.

Our sympathies go out to Patterson. He has been mishandled all the way. He has been poorly directed as a business man, he has been badly developed as a boxer, he has been ill taught as a fighter.

By now Floyd should have cleaned up a fortune. But there he sits on the sidelines, a victim of circumstances which he doubtless would like to destroy. But he sits, and isn't fighting.

Doubtless it all will come out in the wash. It always does. Boxing is strong inherently and it has an inestimable capacity for taking punishment.

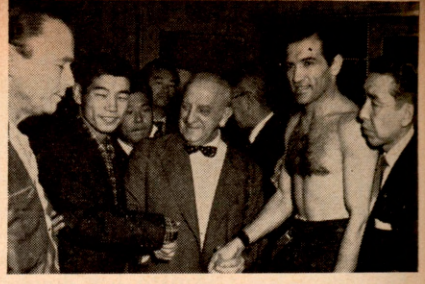
The fight in which Johansson won the championship was a boon to boxing. It was fought strictly on its merits. It brought a new personality to the fore and held out incredible benefices for the sport.

It is not too late for these benefices to be realized. But, open the windows!

Vincent Velella, New York attorney, was revealed as the man behind the throne in the Rosensohn promotional empire. He too was suspended by the New York Commission adding to the confusion of the Johansson-Patterson fight mix-up.

TITLE BOUT

PEREZ KAYOES YAOITA



Meeting at the weigh-in are, left to right, Perez's Manager Lazaro Koci, Yaoita, Nat Fleischer, Perez and promoter Takashi Tsukahara. Perez is standing on the scale, which accounts for his appearing taller then the others.

Flyweight Champ Disposes Of Japanese Rival And Looks Forward To His Next Foe Pone Kingpetch Of Thailand

OSAKA, Japan-Special correspondence of The Ring magazine: Pascual Perez, Argentinian world flyweight champion, successfully defended his crown bp stopping Sadao Yaoita, top man in the Orient in the thirteenth round of their championship fight. Perez then announced that he will make another title defense early in March.

At the request of the Thailand government, The Ring Editor, with power of attorney, arranged to have Perez meet Pone Kingpetch, top ranked contender, under terms similar to those which brought Robert Cohen and Chamrern Songkitrat together by me in a bantam title bout in Bangkok.

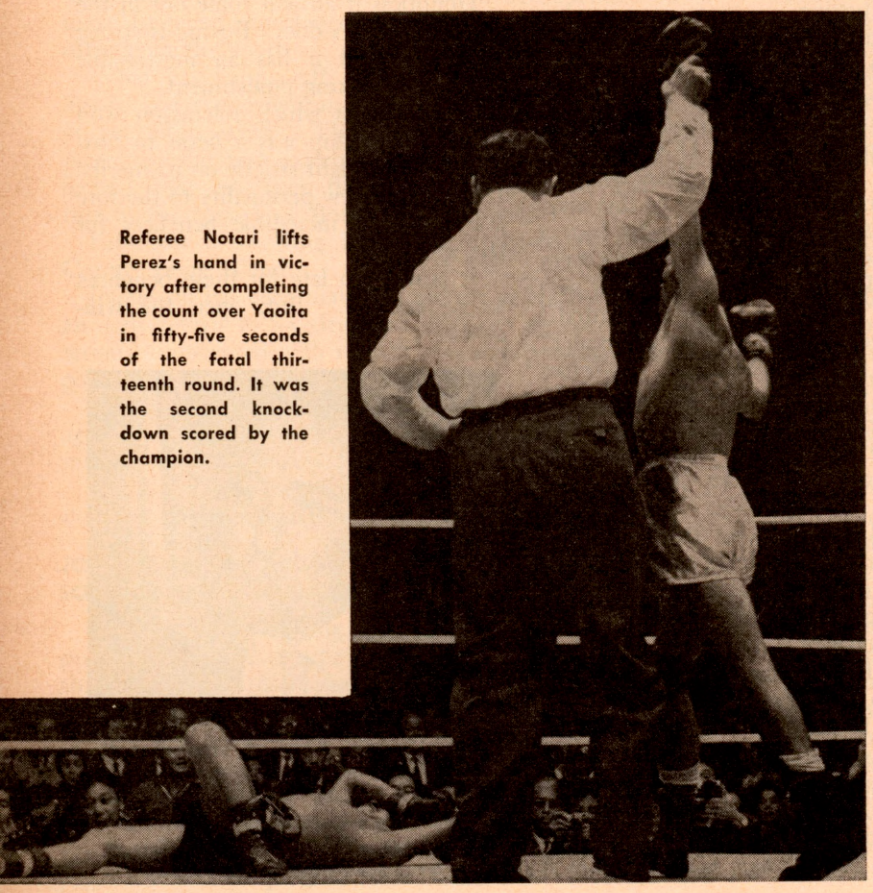
Lazaro Koci, acting on behalf of the champion, signed for a guarantee of $40,000 and all expenses for his party, the guarantee to be tax free. Argentinian Juan Notari will referee, one judge will be a Thialander and I will be the third official.

No definite date was set pending a short visit Perez is making to Buenos Aires, but it was agreed that the fight will take place within the first three weeks of March.

Thus Perez continues to be the fightiest champion of all. Had Perez lost to Yaoita, George Parnassus, matchmaker of the Olympic Auditorium of Los Angeles who was at the ringside of the Ogimachi Pool Arena, would have promoted the return in California. The option he held on the Argentinian's services was turned over to the Thailand promoter when Yaoita was defeated.

At the age of thirty-three, Perez remains the "Little Argentinian Giant". Before a gathering of 25,000 enthusiastic fans, he proved himself a true champion by coming from behind with a furious body attack to halt his challenger, favorite at 8 to 5, in 55 seconds of the thirteenth.

Yaoita was dropped in the thirtenth round for four with a powerful left hook followed by a right to the jaw. Then he was put to sleep with a left to the mid-section quickly followed by a short, snappy right to the jaw. Yaoita went down with a thud, landing on his face. He remained in that position while Refere Notari counted him out. The Japanese manager, Seiji Nakamura, and two seconds carried the helpless fighter to his corner.



Referee Notari lifts Perez's hand in victory after completing the count over Yaoita in fifty-five seconds of the fatal thirteenth round. It was the second knockdown scored by the champion.

It was Perez's eleventh title defense. He said it was his ninth, and that two of the bouts in Buenos Aires were listed as overweight despite the fact that both he and his opponent came in under the flyweight limit. It also was his seventh knockout in championship bouts and brought his total to 36 in 55 contests.

The triumph over Yaoita was Perez's second over a Japanese boy in title bouts, Kenji Yonekura having previously lost to him in 15 rounds last August 10. The unstemmed torrent from Sadao's nose that started in the fourth round and the heavy body pounding he suffered in every round after the fifth, caused the Japanese 24 year-old-champion to slow up after an excellent start. As the fight progressed, he became an easy target.

Perez's performance after losing the first three rounds places him in Archie Moore's class as an oldster who can take on all comers. His opponents have been top ranked flyweights from many parts of the world. When he tackles Kingpetch in Bangkok, he will be facing another foreigner who is listed top challenger.

In Yaoita, Pascual had by far his stiffest opponent, who kept firing away despite the difficulty he encountered in breathing due to the steady flow of blood down his throat. At least half a dozen times his blows sent Perez part way across

the ring and in the second round he landed a left to the mid-section as Perez was partly off balance that sent the champion to the canvas.

He was up before the referee could start counting but it definitely was a knockdown, declared such by both the referee and me, though most of the ringside reporters called it a push.

Yaoita, who has learned the American style of fighting, can blame much of his failure on poor handling. His seconds failed to admister proper corner aid. They didn't know how to stop the flow of blood nor did they administer restoratives. The sent him into the fourth to mix it with hard punching Perez instead of following the plan of long range attack that proved so successful in the opening rounds.

That mistake proved costly. It gave Pascual an opportunity to make use of his best attack, a left hook to the body. In their previous bout, which Yaoita won, non-title, he gained the verdict by circling his opponent and using jabs that prevented Pascual's infighting.

In the sixth round, and again in the twelfth, Yaoita came through with a flurry that brought cheers from his supporters, but those were the only two after the third frame in which he displayed the fiery attack that had gained his early lead.

I called the sixth even and figured that his last minute rally in the twelfth after an even battle in the first two minutes, earned him a shade in that frame. The Japanese judge called both rounds even and the referee gave each to Perez.

It became evident after the tenth round body punishment Yaoita took, that he could not go the distance. He tired and began to run into clinches every time Perez rushed in for close range fighting. While he was showing exhaustion, Perez was gaining momentum. He fired away, his punches coming in rapid succession. Though he missed frequently in the early rounds, few of his deliveries failed to reach his opponent's body in the final three. Many of his rival's blows were caught on Perez's arm, a defense he perfected as the bout progressed.

Perez avenged the only defeat he has suffered during his entire career. The former Olympic champion's aging legs and slowing reflexes are beginning to show. It was evident

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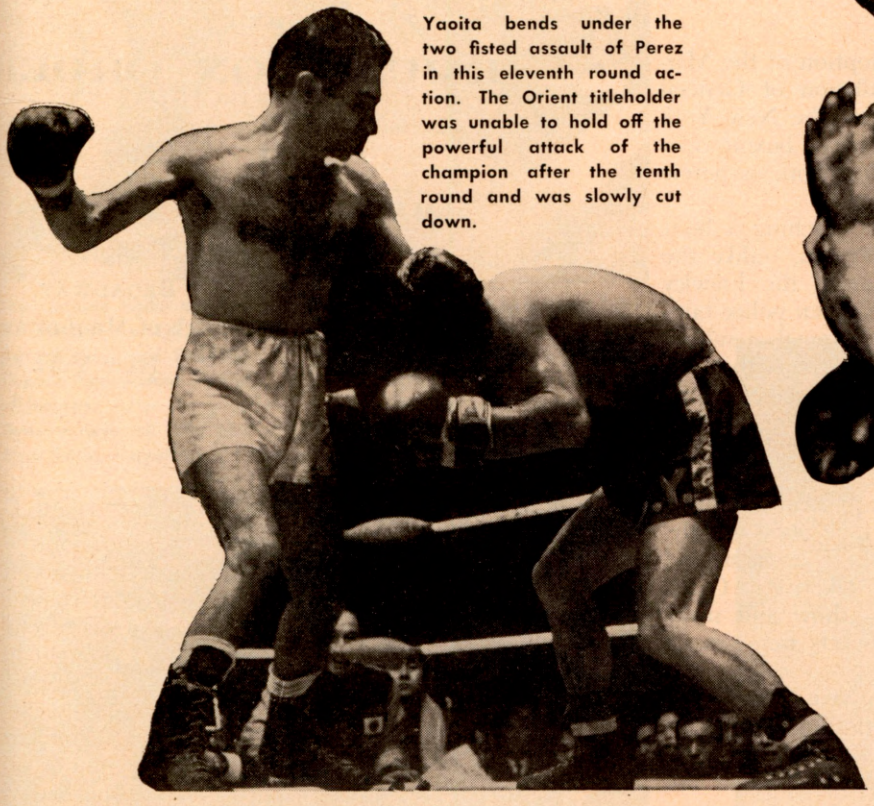
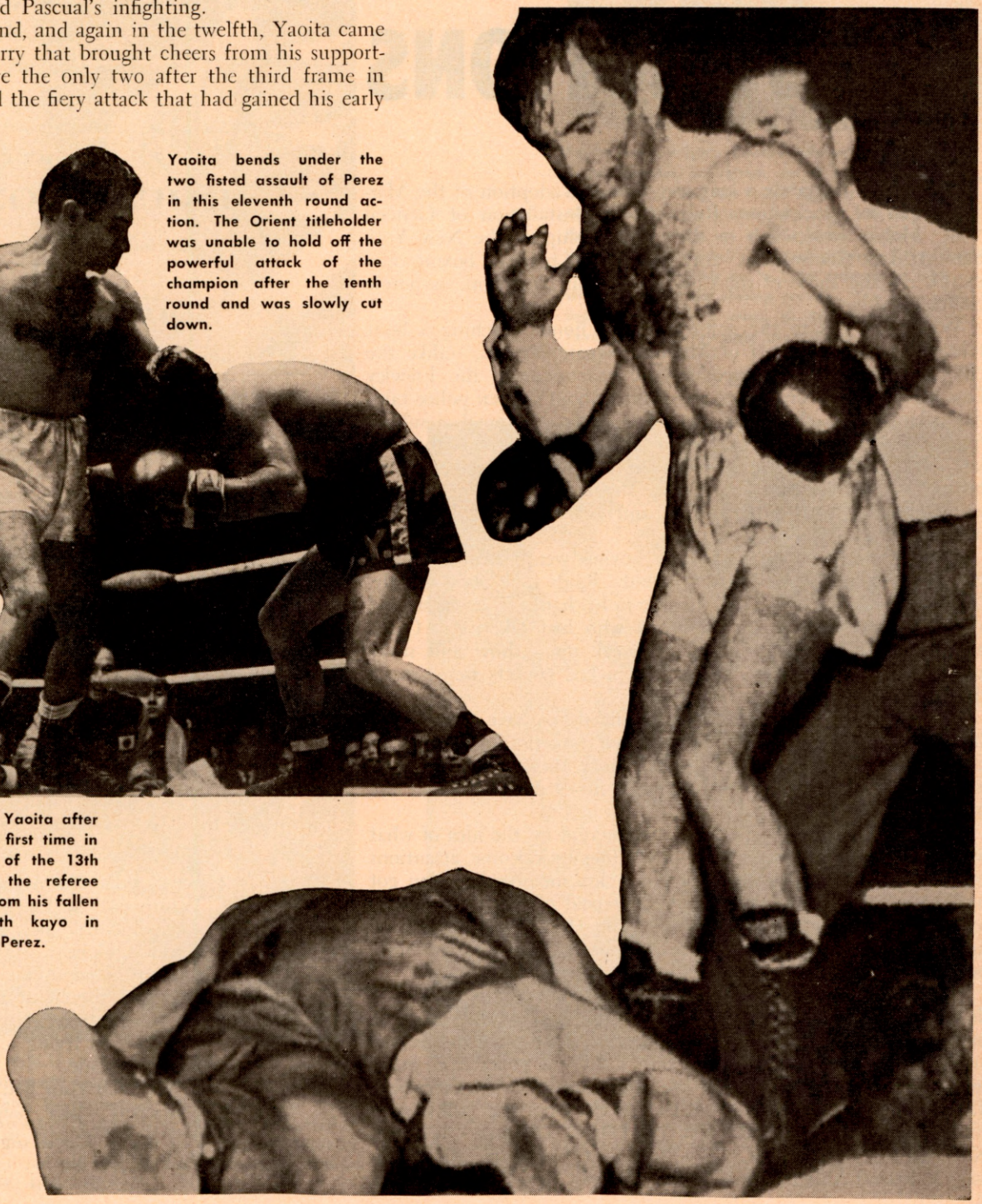


Yaoita bends under the two fisted assault of Perez in this eleventh round action. The Orient titleholder was unable to hold off the powerful attack of the champion after the tenth round and was slowly cut down.



Perez looks down on Yaoita after dropping him for the first time in the opening seconds of the 13th and final round as the referee pulls Pascual away from his fallen foe. It was seventh kayo in eleven title bouts for Perez.

By NAT LOUBET

IN THE DAYS OF INJUNCTIONS

BOXING has come a long way from the adoption of the Marquis of Queensbury Rules to the installation of General Melvin Krulewitch to the chairmanship of the New York State Athletic Commission. Any resemblance between boxing rules of this era and those of the early nineties in New York, is purely coincidental.

When one sits in the comfort of his home watching a bout televised from the Arena of Madison Square Garden, unlike the club membership days preceding the enactment of the Frawley Law in 1911, he doesn't have any worries about sudden police raids or ducking into a club house via a fire-escape or through a subterfuge payment of "dues" to become a member and be within the law. It wasn't as bad in those membership days as it was when boxing was wholly outlawed during the bare-knuckle era, but it was bad enough—with headaches and heartaches for both promoter and the fight fans.

The pioneer days in New York boxing were hazardous ones. Broken heads and arrests were frequent. Raids took place nightly. Graft was rampant. One took his life in his hands when he argued about his seat with some roughneck who had taken it. Often when the riot squad took over to break up a show and make arrests, bloody noses, torn clothes and picked pockets were among the casualties.

No longer do those who attend boxing shows have to hide and sneak into fistic emporiums to see their favorites in action. Of course there aren't too many in attendance these days, but those who pay their way, find a convenience never dreamed of in the pre-commission days.

It was in the late eighties that promoters hit on the idea of what was regarded as a happy means of eluding unwelcome attentions from the authorities. That's when the club membership plan got under way. But it was following the repeal of the Horton Law in 1900 that it gained momentum. The Horton Law permitted fights to be conducted in New York without any limit to the number of rounds and permitted decisions by a referee.

The membership plan was joyfully utilized by promoters at a dozen or more clubs in several parts of the city but the mode of procedure by which "members" paid dues for each fight in advance and received a card of admittance, didn't stop the police from interfering and attempted raids were the rule rather than the exception. The clubs that received the most attention from the police were Jim Buckley's Sharkey A.C.; Jess McMahon's Olympic Club; Bill Newman's Long Acre A.C.; Bill Brown's Gymnasium; Billy Gibson's Fairmont Athletic Club, Johnny Oliver's New Polo A.C., Lew Raymond's old Atlantic Gardens, the Whirlwind Athletic Club on Amsterdam Avenue and 116th Street and Charley Genslinger's Bohemian A.C. on Amsterdam Avenue and 81st Street.

When the Horton Law went out of business, the police were more active than ever in trying to enforce the anti-boxing crusade.

But each club had its quota of top politicians whose power and influence played a big part in keeping the big shots from jail.

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Supreme Court,

NEW YORK COUNTY.

FAIRMONT ATHLETIC CLUB OF GREATER NEW YORK,
Billy Gibson, President — *Plaintiff,*
against

THEODORE A. BINGHAM, individually and as Commissioner of Police, &c., ET AL.,
Defendants.

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INJUNCTION ORDER.

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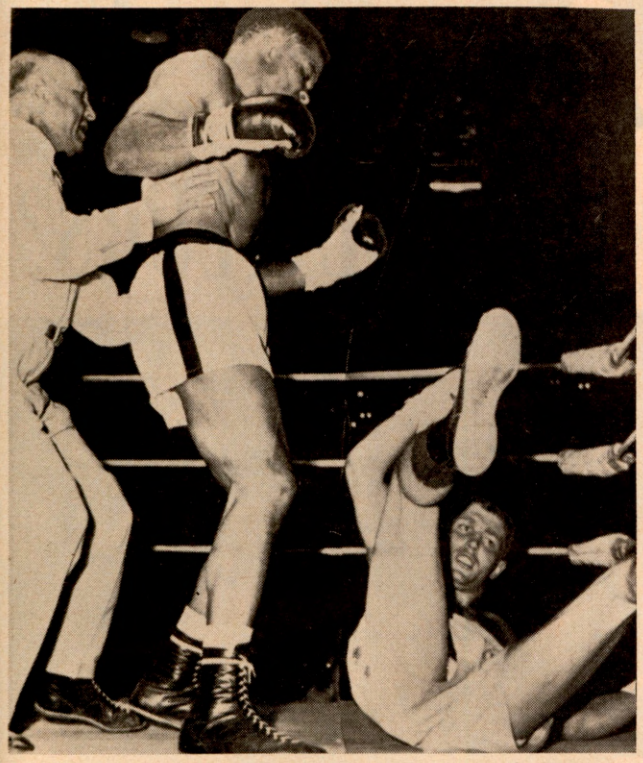
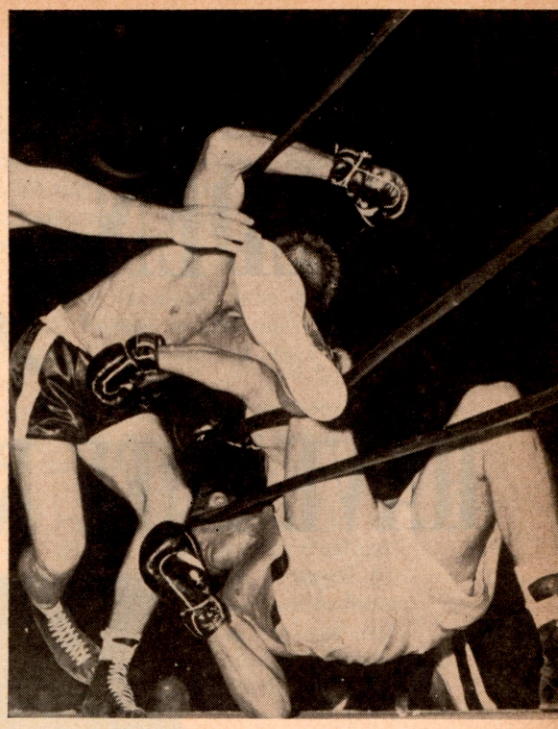
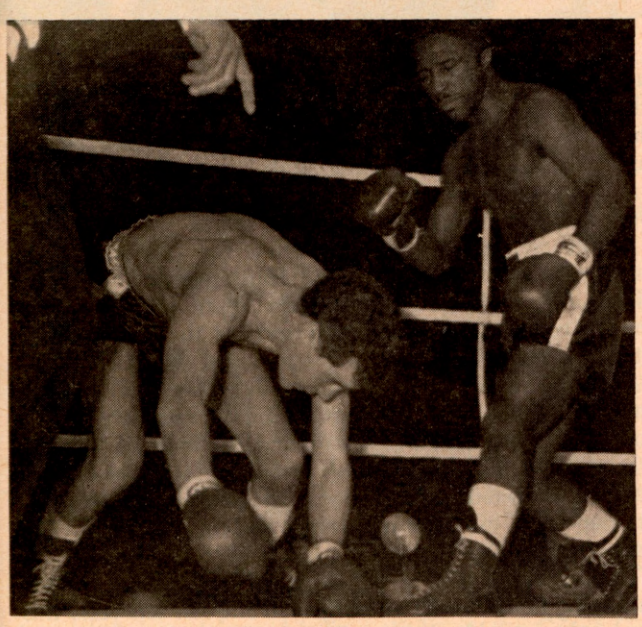
THE MONTH IN ACTION



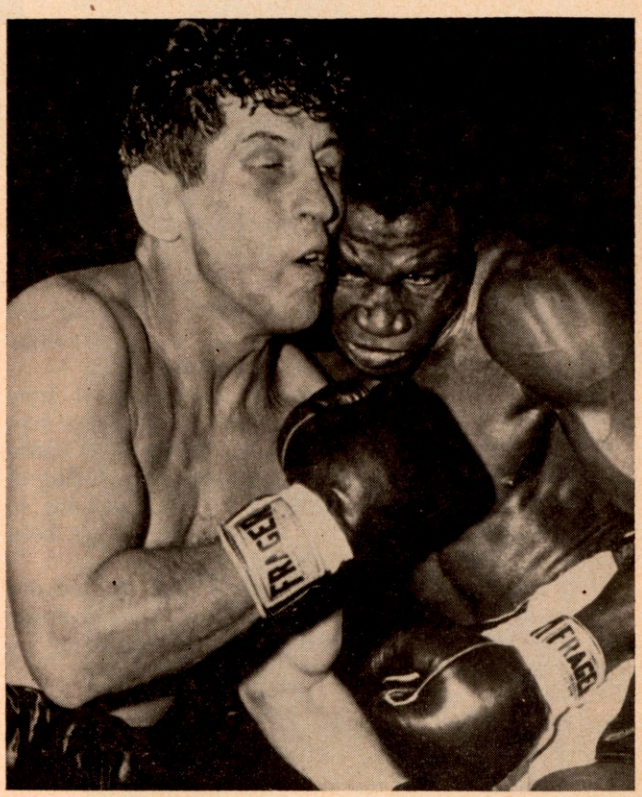
Top ranking Eddie Machen of Redding, California, stands over fallen Pat McMurtry of Tacoma, Washington, after sending him to the canvas for the third and final time in the opening round of their Portland, Oregon heavyweight contest. Machen wasted little time in disposing of his foe. After sparring briefly he opened up and pow—one, two, three—it was all over in 2:11. The win was the seventh in a row since Eddie himself was kayoed in one heat by Ingemar Johansson.



Texas heavyweights Donnie Fleeman, on top, and Buddy Turman, on bottom, get all tangled up in the ropes during their ten round fight at Dallas, Texas. When the fight was over they were still all tied as the officials came up with a draw decision. The fight was exciting with Fleeman getting off in front and Turman coming on to even matters up with a strong finish in the closing rounds. The boys were fighting to earn a crack at Roy Harris and the Texas State heavyweight championship.

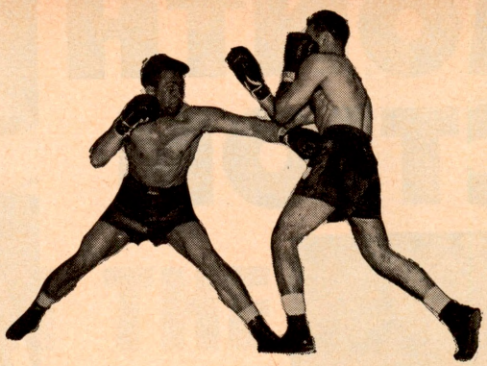


British Champion Bobby Neill is on the deck in the opening moments of his non-title fight with world featherweight king Davey Moore in Wembley Stadium, London. Bobby got up rubber-legged and twice more was floored by Moore before the referee stopped the one-sided contest in 2:25 of the first round. It was an impressive debut in Europe for the champion and put a quick end to the hope that a victory would gain a title match for Neill.

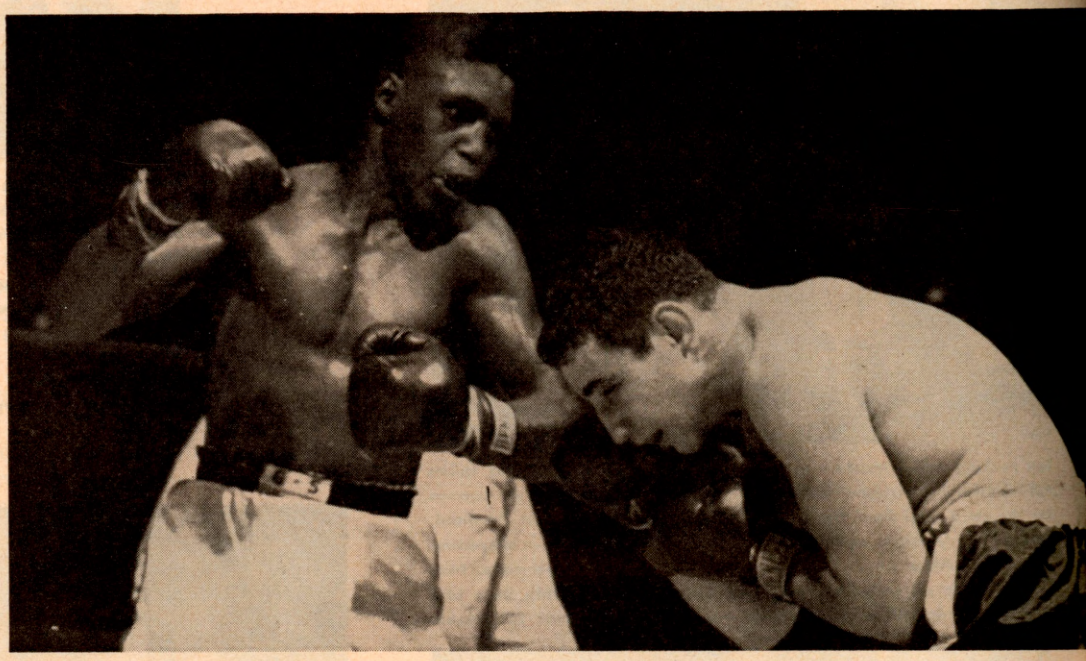


Both Joey Giardello and Dick Tiger seem to be trying to get closer together after Tiger landed a solid right to Joey's head in the ninth round of their ding-dong Cleveland match. Giardello, who lost a close verdict to Tiger in their first bout held off a closing rush by the British Empire middleweight champion from Nigeria to gain a unanimous decision.

GOLDEN GLOVES



HAVE THEY KILLED THE AMATEURS?



Johnny Saxton (left) batters away at veteran Tony Pellone in their 1950 Garden fight. The victory, the first big one for Johnny was only 17 fights removed from his Golden Gloves career. A great amateur, Johnny failed to improve much as a pro.

THE Golden Gloves boxing tournaments in progress from coast to coast are the big sporting events of the year for many youngsters. In the thirty-three years they have been regularly staged the cities that have welcomed this event have grown and much has been written about the shows beneficial impacts on boxing.

Almost all of this fine publicity has stemmed from newspapers that sponsor the tournaments. They have kept serious criticism out of the columns. While the Golden Gloves have been pictured from the bright side, telling of the great work done in encouraging the boys, helping to build their moral and physical standards, little has been published about the fixture's shortcomings.

Nothing has been written about the heartbreak and disappointment suffered by lads quickly eliminated because under the rules they were outclassed from beginning by being over-matched.

The majority of men in the professional fistic game do not like the Golden Gloves. They say that the tourneys are a detriment to boxing and in time will kill the professional game, as it has killed amateur competition.

There are many facts to back up the charge that the Golden Gloves are factors in drying up the fistic farms. Here are a few:

1. They have almost completely eliminated the amateurs, other than their own Golden Gloves.

2. The unfair classifications of Open and Sub-Novice classes are main causes for the drying up of the amateur field. The rules stipulate that the open class is for fighters who have won a first or second prize in a tournament, or fought three or more amateur fights.

A Sub-Novice is one who has not had three amateur bouts and in some states, no amateur bouts.

3. The tremendous publicity given the Golden Gloves has created in the minds of the youngsters incentives to fight in the Golden Gloves. Rather than fight in other amateur contests, they wait each year for the Gloves, thus cutting down the available talent for open shows.

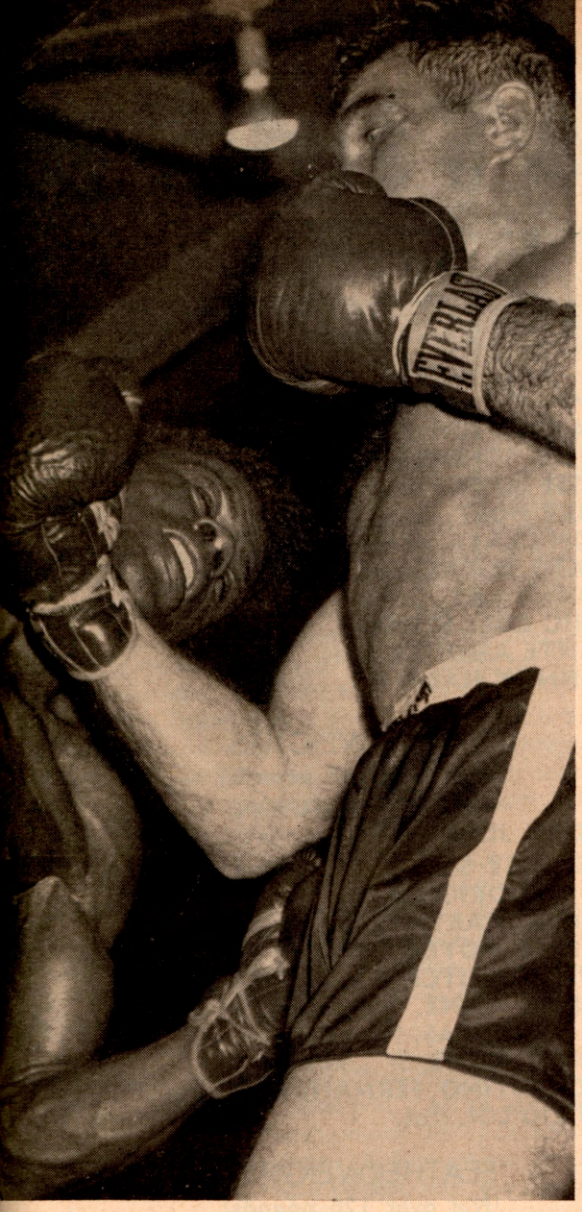
At one time there were Diamond Belt, Diamond Gloves, Golden Belt, and A.A.U. state, County and city championships. Only the A.A.U. state and nationals are left.

In many states what once was a five or six night tournament has been reduced to a one night affair with some lads winning titles only because they are the lone entry in their weight classes.

The nationals were a big thing with hundreds of lads competing for the titles years ago. In the last ten years this number has steadily decreased until some classes have only eight or ten entries, this from all states.

The papers which sponsor the Gloves give little or no publicity to other amateur shows, cutting down the chances of these independent operations being successful.

In the period during and just after World War Two, in New York City alone, there were five weekly amateur clubs,



Two ex-glovers met when the crafty Joey Maxim, vintage 1940, handed Floyd Patterson, vintage 1952, his first pro loss in their 1954 bout. These two were direct opposites, as Joey faced all the tough ones on his climb to the crown, whereas Patterson had easy pickin's.

running at St. Nick's, Jamaica Arena, New York Athletic Club, Downtown Athletic Club and Broadway Arena. In addition there were weekly shows in New Jersey and semi-monthly shows in another half a dozen spots around New York. For the past seven years, there have been no shows on a regular basis.

This pattern is repeated all over the United States. Gone are the semi-pros, simon-pure and bootleg amateurs which produced so many boxers for the professional ring.

To say that the public will not pay to see amateur contests is not entirely true. Athletic clubs staged shows free for the members and their guests. They didn't depend on outside financial aid. Yet even these free shows were stopped by lack of talent.

Long before the average person knew of television, amateur bouts were televised from a studio in the Grand Central Terminal Building in New York. This was in 1944, almost sixteen years ago. In recent years a few cities across the country have televised amateur boxing, but after a short time they have stopped. The fans tired of seeing the same boys week after week.

The Sub-Novice class is real sore spot. The rules state that an entrant must have not more than two amateur bouts. This is plain and simple. But not so plain or simple is the loop-hole. This permits the entrant to have had bouts in the Police Athletic League, Boys Clubs, Catholic Youth Organization, Department of Recreations, Department of Parks, Y.M.C.A. or any Youth Organization or Service competitions. In some of these groups the boys start to box at the tender age of eight and compete up to the age of sixteen, when they are then eligible to join the official A.A.U. amateur ranks.

Although these boys meet in inter-city, inter-state and inter-national meets, and may engage in over one hundred contests, they are considered sub-novices if they meet Golden Gloves restrictions.

They have been prepared for Golden Glove bouts in a fully equipped Gym under the guidance and training of a professional trainer and they are finely honed for their fights.

Let's take two boys, Joe Jones and Tom Smith. Joe is the local hot shot, high school hero, champion street fighter, plenty of courage and strength. He is urged to enter the Golden Gloves by his pals. Unless he lives in New York or Chicago, which provide free gym training for glovers, he must do the best he can with a friend or relation who fancies himself a fight expert to take care of him. He is an unattached fighter.

He draws as his foe Tom Smith. Tom is a product of the P.A.L. He is well schooled, well trained and tested in ring combat.

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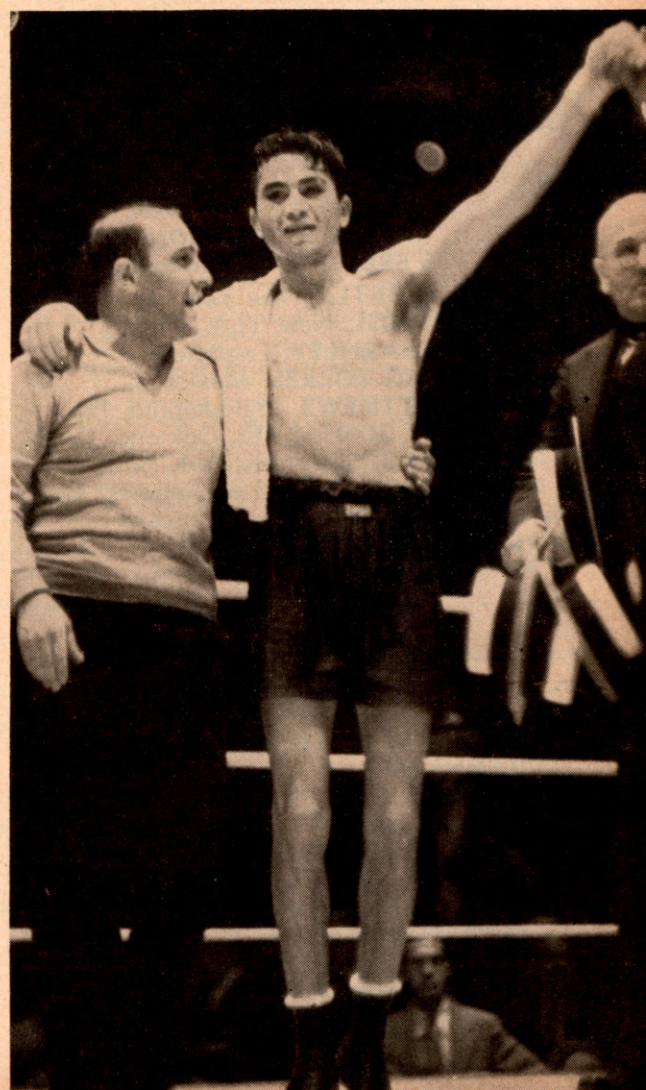
A smiling Barney Ross is proclaimed lightweight champion of the world, following his 1933 victory over Tony Canzoneri in Chicago. Barney, a Glover in 1929, was the first to gain a world's title.



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WORLD RATINGS

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 19th

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
INGEMAR JOHANSSON, Sweden

1—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Rockville Center, N. Y.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
3—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
5—**HENRY COOPER,** England
6—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
7—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales
8—**BILLY HUNTER,** Detroit, Mich.
9—**MIKE DeJOHN,** Syracuse, N. Y.
10—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
3—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Chittanango, N. Y.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
6—**PAUL PENDER,** Boston, Mass.
7—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D.C.
8—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
9—**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Calif.

*N.B.A. Middleweight Champion.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

*1—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
2—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
4—**BATTLING TORRES,** Mexico
5—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
7—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
8—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**JOEY PARKS,** Omaha, Nebraska
10—**MARIO VECCHIATO,** Italy

*N.Y. & N.B.A. Junior Welterweight Champion.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BECERRA, Mexico

1—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
2—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
5—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
7—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
8—**ERNESTO MIRANDA,** Argentina
9—**EDWIN SYKES,** Panama
10—**HERMAN MARQUES,** Stockton, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
3—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
4—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
5—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**SIXTO RODRIGUEZ,** San Anslem, Calif.
7—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
9—**SANTE AMONTI,** Italy
10—**JOHNNY HALAFIHI,** Tonga

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
3—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
5—**RUDELL STITCH,** Louisville, Ky.
6—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
7—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
8—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
10—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, Ohio

1—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
*2—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
3—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
4—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
5—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
6—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
7—**FLASH FLORDE,** Philippines
8—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
9—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
10—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba

*N.B.A. Junior Lightweight Champion.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
2—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
3—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
6—**MINUM BEN ALI,** Spain
7—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
8—**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
9—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
10—**LARRY PINEDA,** Philippines

Pascual Perez

Fighter of the Month

THE past month witnessed many a surprise change in positions among the rated gentry as well as a percentage of contests that followed the form chart. Tony Anthony, heralded as a light heavyweight and then as a heavy, lost his hold on the rated ladder when he was kayoed by Billy Hunter of Detroit; Charlie Powell, ex 49er football player, was belted into oblivion by Mike DeJohn, Syracuse heavyweight, and following the form chart one of boxing's all-time greats, Pascual Perez, who rates with the best of the flyweights of yesteryears, knocked out his challenger Sadao Yaoita, of Japan, in the thirteenth round, to win recognition as The Ring Magazine's Fighter Of The Month.

Both Powell and Anthony were dropped from the heavyweight ratings as a result of their beatings. Billy Hunter, rated eighth, gained a position among the rankings for the first time, and Mike DeJohn once again is back among the select ten in ninth position.

European light heavyweight champion Erich Schoppner, of Germany, winner over previously undefeated Sante Amonti, of Italy, moved up from third to second place, among the 175 pounders, swapping places with Yvon Durelle.

Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, reversed a previous loss to Dick Tiger and as a result advanced from fifth to fourth among the world's rated middleweights with Gustav Scholz dropped to fifth and Tiger on the toboggin down from sixth to eighth. Paul Pender, New England challenger, moved up from seventh to sixth and Holly Mims climbed from eighth to seventh.

Kenny Lane due to weight has been moved up to the welterweight class where by virtue of his victory over Virgil Akins he captured the sixth post. Akins fell from fifth to eighth with Rudell Stitch moved up from sixth to fifth. Duilio Loi, Italian challenger, is dropped for inactivity from eighth to tenth and Gaspar Ortega, who lost a tight decision to Florentino Fernandez fell out of the rankings to make room for Lane.

The entire lightweight division was shook up resulting from the removal of Kenny Lane to the welters. The new alignment behind number one man Carlos Ortiz is Paolo Rosi, Dave Charnley, Battling Torres, Len Matthews, Johnny Gonsalves, Johnny Buso, Paul Armstead, Joey Parks, and Mario Vecchiato of Italy.

The only change among the featherweights was the removal of Manolo Garcia of Spain, who was defeated by Girodano Campari, with his replacement being the hard punching Cuban Urtimio Sugar Ramos, who fought a draw with Ike Chestnut.

The bantamweight top brass took a juggling with Freddie Gilroy, new European champ, by virtue of his win over Italy's Piero Rollo, jumped from sixth to fourth and his victim dropped from second to fifth. Danny Kid and Leo Espinsosa each climbed one notch to second and third respectively. Juan Cardenas of Spain and Mario D'Agaga of Italy have been removed with two new faces added to the rankings in Ernesto Miranda, eighth and Herman Marques, of Stockton, California in tenth.

Sadao Yaoita fell from first to second due to his kayo at the hands of Perez, the division boss, with Pone Kingpetch, of Thailand, the new leading challenger. Ramon Arias, who beat Larry Poneda moved up from sixth to fifth with Pineda dropped from eighth to tenth. Dommy Ursua advanced from fifth to fourth, with inactive Minum Ben Ali, of Spain, dropped from fourth to sixth. Risto Luukkonen, Finland, European titleholder, climbed to eighth from tenth.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Alejandro Lavorante, Argentina
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Leslie Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Paul Machen, Portland, Oregon
WELTERWEIGHT—T. J. Jones, Chicago, Ill.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Fern Martinovich, Hungary
FEATHERWEIGHT—George Judge, Scotland
BANTAMWEIGHT—Julio Viana, Venezuela
FLYWEIGHT—Carlos Cruz, Panama

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eddie Machen kayoed Pat McMurtry, 1.
Billy Hunter stopped Tony Anthony, 7.
Mike DeJohn kayoed Charlie Powell in 47 seconds.
Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson halted Howard King, 10. Franco Cavicchi defeated Uli Ritter, 10. Paul Andrews kayoed Don Tucker, 1. Pete Rademacher kayoed Buddy Keener, 1.
Frankie Daniels outpointed Bob Baker, 10. Albert Westphal kayoed Michel Lapourielle, 4. Lee Williams stopped Billy Tisdale, 5. Buddy Turman and Donnie Fleeman drew, 10.
Australian Champion Allen Williams retained title by disposing of Carlo Marchini, 7. Johnny Hayden outscored Hastings Hart, 10. Joey Rowan defeated Jimmy Thompson, 8. Bob Cleroux kayoed Mickey Carter, 2. Steve Zoranich kayoed Peter Lake, 2.
Willie Bell halted John Harper, 4. Benito Favatto defeated Sherman Adams, 6. Tony Hughes whipped Leroy Duez, 6. Ray Batey defeated Charlie Jones, 6. John Massey kayoed Joe Habana, 3.
Johnny Byrd whipped Abe Davis, 6. Gene Jackson beat Art Miller, 6. Tony Alongi whipped Gorilla Goulds, 6. Ken Kelly kayoed Bob Hagen, 1. Roy Lopez kayoed Ike Welcome, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

European champion Erich Schoppner retained his title by outpointing Sante Amonti, 15. Harold Johnson kayoed Sonny Ray, 10.
Yvon Durelle taken out of light heavyweight ratings since he is now fighting as a heavyweight. Erich Schoppner has been moved up to #2 and all of the alignment behind him has been moved up one to make up for the deletion of Durelle. Halafihi once again comes back in rating in #10 spot.
Paul Roux won the French title outpointing Charles Colin, 15.
Rory Calhoun kayoed Joey White, 6. Germinal Ballarin kayoed Gunter Huber, 7. Donnie Fleeman and heavyweight Buddy Turman drew, 10. Alvin Green outscored Alvin Williams, 10.
Neal Rivers stopped Carlton Lincoln, 6. Al Sparks outscored Jim Hegerle, 8. Al St. John stopped Jim Monts, 2. Alvin Green and heavyweight Sonny Moore drew, 8. Freddie Blades stopped Willie Mack, 5. Bobby Daniels stopped Al Andrews, 2.
Doug Jones stopped Chuck Whittley, 4, and beat Juan Pomare, 10. Rodolfo Diaz defeated Carlos Paiva, 10. Guillermo Dutschmann beat Justo Benitez, 10. Kirk Barrow defeated Ted Martin, 8. John Balla outscored Andy Isaacs, 6. Johnny Morris stopped Alex Ford, 6.
Bobby Daniels bested Jim Beard, 6. Ted Doncaster stopped Carl Warme, 6. Floyd Palmer kayoed Bob McKinney, 2.
Cal Houston stopped Sonny Hett, 2. Eddie Vick whipped Don McAteer, 6. Leslie Smith kayoed Jim Whitfield, 4. Sammy Jordan halted John Gadson, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Joey Giardello outscored British Empire Champion Dick Tiger, 10.
Henry Hank bested George Benton, 10. Chico Vejar whipped Miguel Diaz, 10. European champion Gustav Scholz retained title kayoing Peter Muller, 1.
Baby Colon won from Eddie Thompson, 10. Terry Downes won the British title stopping John McCormack, 8. Jimmy Beecham whipped Bobby Gordon, 12. Mick Leahy stopped Billy Todd, 11. Randy Sandy defeated Emile Griffith, 10. Gomeo Brennan defeated Jimmy Martinez, 10. Bill Bailey defeated Ernie Gipson, 8.
Andres Selpa defeated Alfredo Yacanto, 10, and Alejandro Gallardo, 10. Willie Green defeated Gene Hamilton, 10. Andre Drille kayoed Hans Wohlers, 9. Blair Richardson kayoed Cliff Fiddler, 8.
Max Resch kayoed Lou Mourros, 7. Joey Archer defeated Henry (Kid) Burton, 10. Lino Rendon kayoed Gilberto Benojam, 1. George Price won technically over Alfonso Flores, 9.
Fitzroy Whyte outpointed Clem Winchester, 10, and Carl Barker, 10. Joe Louis Murphy beat Ramon Hernandez, 10, Ramon then whipped Toro Saenz, 8. Toro previously had beaten Pelon Martinez, 8. Paulo Sacoman kayoed Aristides Pinto, 10. Johnny Otto kayoed Bobby Stevens, 5. Al Jurgens stopped Rocky Caballero, 4.
Willie Gray beat Fred Terry, 8. Johnny Clyde stopped Jimmy Biggs, 2. Billy Pickett kayoed Bobby Barnes, 3. Ray Martinez won from Willie Jennings, 6. George Chementi scored over Jimmy Landron, 6. Roscoe Shamblin won from Clarence Alford, 6.
Cal Brown whipped Dave Gottschalk, 6. Willie Anderson kayoed Al Longstreet, 2. Al Raymond stopped Ralph Stephens, 2. Amen Peck whipped Eloy Vann, 8. Stan Garcia kayoed Fred Roots, 2.
Sonny Hill defeated Levi Pearson, 6. Paul Machen kayoed Bill Patrick, 1. Joe Fusco kayoed Johnny Pruitt, 3. Emery Boudreau whipped Ernie Durelle, 6. Wayne Thornton kayoed Willie Moon, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Luis Rodriguez outpointed Isaac Logart, 10.
Kenny Lane moved into welter ranks by outpointing Virgil Akins, 10. Ray Greco defeated Karl-Heinz Guder, 10.
Florentino Fernandez outslugged Gaspar Ortega, 10. Alvaro Gutierrez decisioned Pat Lowry, 10. Federico Thompson kayoed Francisco Sotelo, 3. Alberto Bisbe kayoed Tony Armenteros, 7.
Samart Sorndaeng outscored Del Flanagan, 10. Jorge Fernandez stopped Omar Peppi, 6. Boswell St. Louis defeated Freddie Teidt, 8.
Dave Cervantes whipped Diamante Negro, 10. Celestino Pinto outscored Jiro Sawada, 10. Agustin Rosales whipped Alfredo Cota, 10. Guy Sumlin outscored Mel Barker, 10.
Stan Harrington outpointed Paddy DeMarco, 10. Stefan Redl won over Eddie Lynch, 10. Reybon Stubbs stopped Frankie Ramirez, 7. Jose Edwin defeated Mario Coll, 10. Kenji Fukuchi and Moshio Tro drew, 12. Joe Gilmer beat Billy Brown, 6.
Fernando Barreto stopped Paolo Melis, 4. Peter Schmidt whipped Jesse Watson, 10. Emile Griffith lost his first to middleweight Randy Sandy, 10. Henry White whipped Luther Rawlings, 10. Walter Byers beat Butch Craig, 10. Joe DiPierro stopped Roland Waddell, 2. Bobby Cline defeated Arnold Sparks, 6.
Bobby Sanders defeated Dave Johnson, 10. Len Sparks stopped

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Rocky Marciano Elected Hall of Fame '59

By
JOHNNY SALAK

EIGHT Giants of the Ring, their fighting careers spanning 250 years and their boxing brilliance still brightly burning, entered the Great Arena and donned mantles of immortality when they were elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame as a result of the just-concluded fifth annual voting.

An overwhelming choice, in the Modern Group, was Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion who retired undefeated, his last bout having taken place on September 21, 1955. In an exclusive interview with this magazine, Marciano placed the odds at 20-to-1 against his making a comeback, but nevertheless still left the door open in that direction. The windmill swinging Marciano could become the first fighter still actively campaigning while an accredited member of boxing's elite.

To be eligible, a boxer must have been retired from boxing competition for at least two years. Marciano has more than fulfilled that requirement and, as a matter of fact, first received Hall of Fame votes during the 1958 elections, tallying a dismal 25.

One other of the Modern Group gained entrance to the hallowed Hall, the fabulous Kid Chocolate, the fighting feather with the flashing gold teeth, who rampaged through his division for a ten year period (1928-1938).

In the Old Timers category, five stalwarts joined the glorified gladiators, among them being Jimmy Wilde, the first world flyweight champion; Tom Sharkey, barrel-chested battling tar who, though he never won the heavyweight title, fought the greatest of them to a standstill before the turn of the century; Jack Dillon, the giant killer who won the light heavyweight crown; George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid, champion of the lightweights some sixty years ago, and Pete Herman, bantamweight king at the time of the First World War.

The Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame, of which Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of The Ring Magazine, is the chairman, voted John Gully in to the Pioneer Group. Gully was the twenty-second heavyweight champion of England, in 1805, and in 1832 was elected to the House of Parliament.

The Hall of Fame is temporarily housed in the editorial offices of The Ring Magazine, in Madison Square Garden, New York, and the induction of these immortal eight brings the occupancy of the Hall to 60.

The Modern Group is elected by the balloting of the leading boxing writers and radio and television commentators of the world, each being requested to vote for ten men, with 75% of the total necessary to gain admittance.

The voting for the Old Timers Group, made up of fighters who were active before 1924 (35 years ago), is in the hands of a select group of patriarchs of the sport, men who have long and actively been connected with the sport. The votes of this committee must also total 75% for a fighter to reach the exalted status.

Only boxers are eligible for election. At some future date, the proposal to permit referees, promoters and writers into the Hall of Fame inevitably will be taken up. For the present, with the Hall of Fame, now firmly established, it has been decided that this honor be bestowed exclusively on the Fighting Men of The Ring Profession.

In the Modern Group, with 100 ballots cast, 75 was necessary for election and Marciano gained admittance by a very comfortable margin, his name appearing 85 times. Kid Chocolate registered with 77.

Missing by a scant few votes, at 71, was Jack Britton, who campaigned as a professional for more than a quarter of a century (1905-1930) and was a holder of the world welterweight title.

Below him, and in order, in the voting were: Lew Tendler (60), Billy Petrolle (58), Marcel Cerdan (57), Jersey Joe Walcott (39), Jim Braddock (38) and Lou Ambers and Pancho Villa, each with 37.

In all, 70 former fighters received mention in the voting.

In the Old Timers Group, with eighteen members of the Committee voting, and 14 ballots being necessary for election, Jimmy Wilde, the former Mighty Atom, now a roly-poly London (England) newspaperman, romped Home with 16 votes, as did Tom Sharkey. Kid Lavigne and Pete Herman came through with a bit to spare, each tallying 15 votes. Jack Dillon squeezed in with the 14 necessary votes.

Just missing out, after being named on 13 ballots, was Freddie Welsh, the wizard who held the lightweight title during the first World War. Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion for more than eleven years (1912-1923), placed next with 12 votes. Jack Root, hale and hearty at 83, the first of the light heavyweight champions, scored eleven times.

Strong support in the voting was received by globe-trotting heavyweight champion Tommy Burns (10), Joe Choynski and Owen Moran, 9 each, and bantamweight king Johnny Coulon, 8.

Votes were received by 23 different Old Timers, with two having to be declared ineligible as they boxed after 1924.

ROCKY MARCIANO

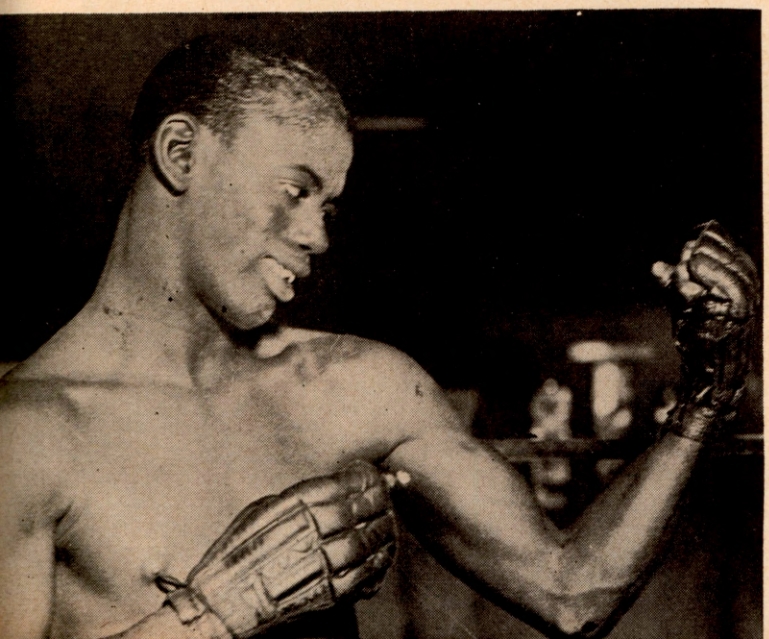
Rocky Marciano, born Rocco Marchegiano, September 1, 1923, at Brockton, Mass., was an all-around athlete in high school and later received a major league baseball try-out.

While serving with the U. S. Army, as a member of the Ft. Lewis (Wash.) team, Marciano fought in the National junior A.A.U. tournament.

The murderous-punching Marciano turned pro in 1947 and ran up an imposing record of knockouts. In his forty-third bout he won the world heavyweight title by knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott in 13 rounds on September 23, 1952, at Philadelphia. The following year he defended his title against Walcott and Roland LaStarza, scoring knockouts in one and eleven rounds.

In 1954 he twice disposed of Ezzard Charles, once on a fifteen rounds decision and in the return, stopping Charles

John Gully who came out of a debtor's prison to become English champion (1805) and member of Parliament.



Kid Chocolate, the Cuban Bon Bon who was the featherweight champion and compiled a blazing record in ten years of fighting.

in eight rounds. 1955 saw him stop Don Cockell in 9 rounds and conclude his career with a ninth round kayo over Archie Moore.

In all he had 49 bouts, scoring 43 kayoes and winning 6 decisions. He is one of the four outstanding fighters of all-time who went through their entire career without a defeat.

On April 27, 1956, Marciano officially gave notice of his retirement, to engage in a number of business ventures.

KID CHOCOLATE

Kid Chocolate, born Eligio Sardinias, January 6, 1907, at Cerro, Cuba. Known as the Cuban Bon Bon.

Chocolate had a sensational amateur career in his native land, scoring 86 knockouts in 103 bouts. With Luis Guitteriez as his manager, he turned pro and, after stopping 21 opponents, came to America in 1928.

He was undefeated in his first 45 bouts in the States. In 1931 he won the world junior lightweight title, stopping Benny Bass in seven rounds, and tried unsuccessfully to win the lightweight championship from Tony Canzoneri.

In 1932 he knocked out Lew Feldman to gain the featherweight title and defended it against Fidel LaBarba and Seaman Tommy Watson. On December 26, 1933 he lost the junior lightweight title, being stopped in seven rounds by Frankie Klick at Philadelphia.

A colorful battler, his record shows a total of 161 professional bouts, with 81 wins, 64 knockouts, 6 draws and 8 loss decisions. He was stopped twice. Chocolate retired in 1938 and was made an athletic director of Cuban boxing.

JIMMY WILDE

Born, May 12, 1892, Quaker's Yard, Pontypridd, Wales. Known as the Mighty Atom.

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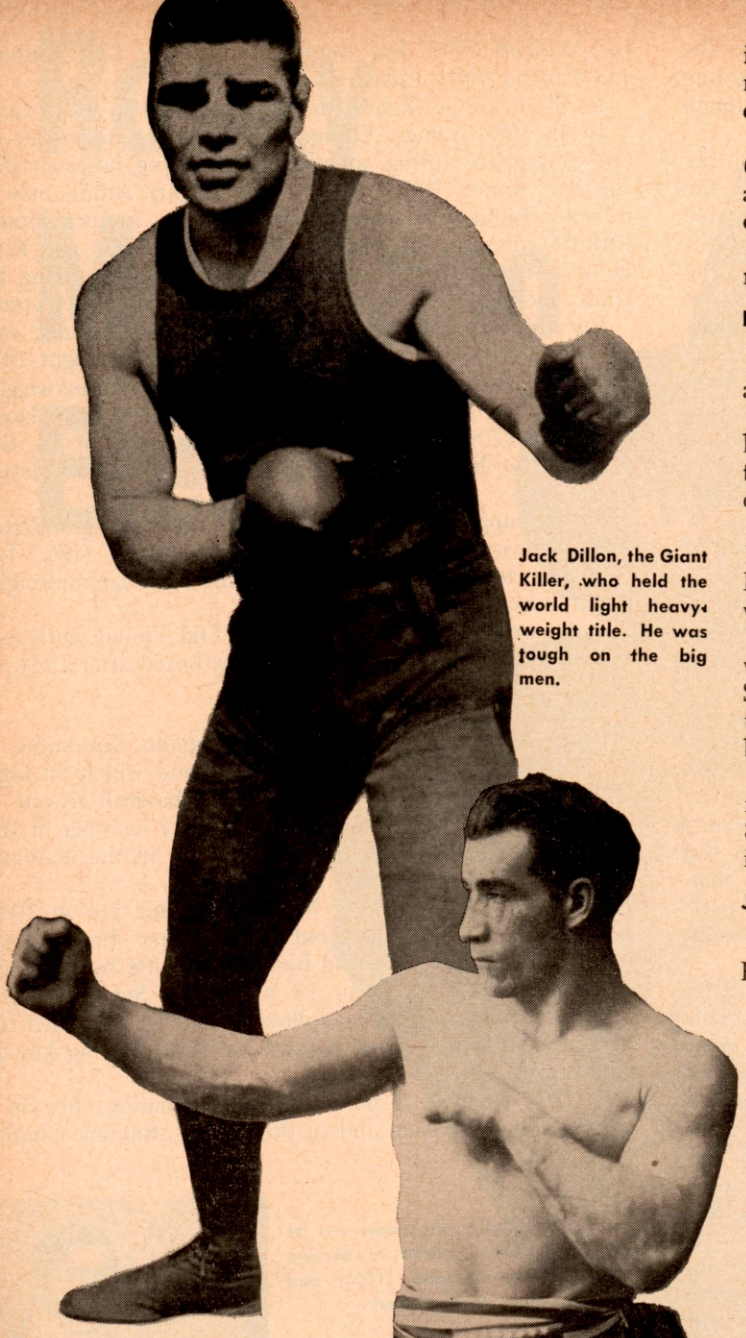
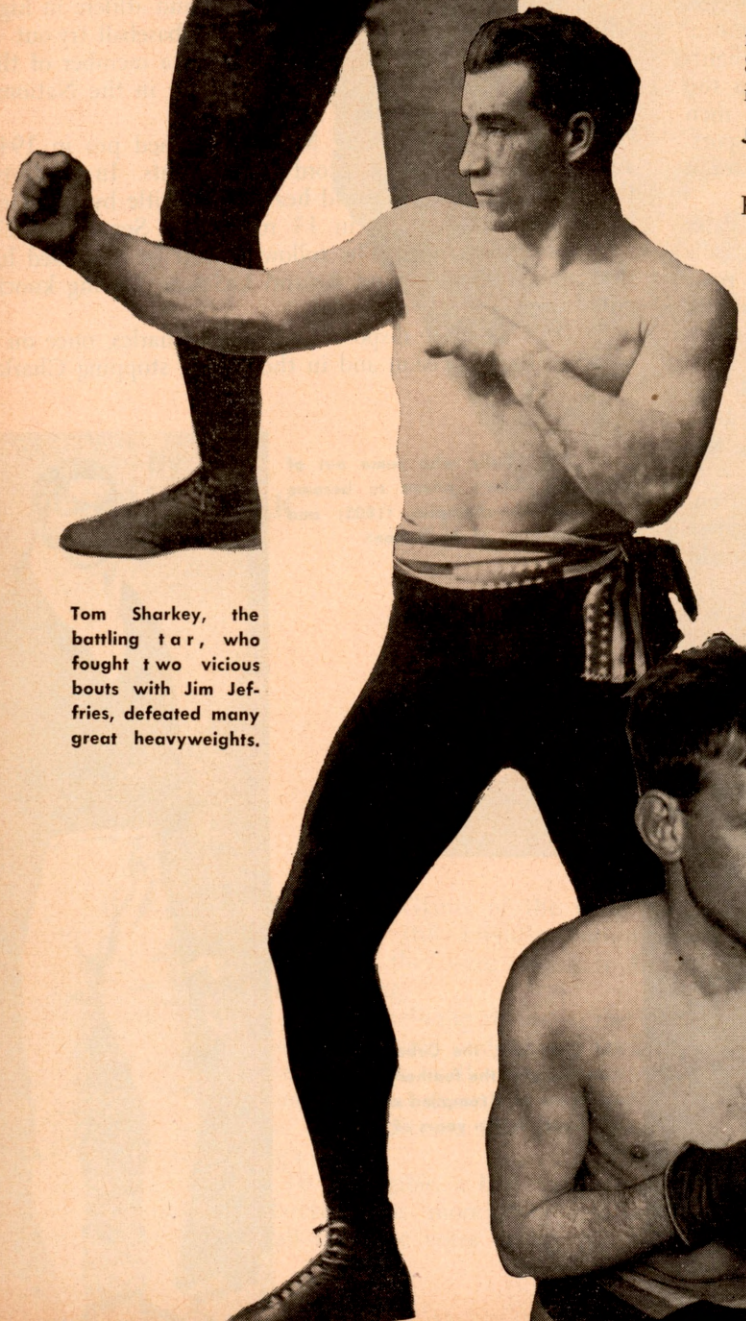
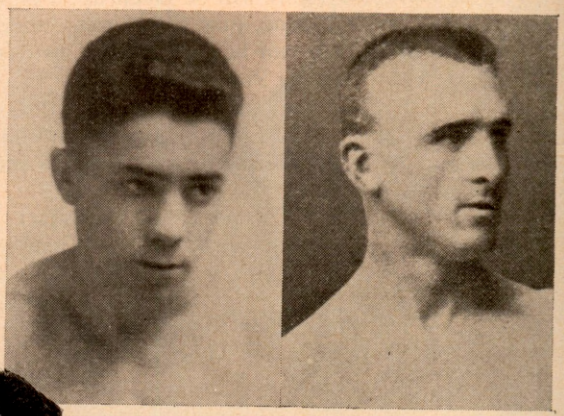


Jack Dillon, the Giant Killer, who held the world light heavyweight title. He was tough on the big men.



Tom Sharkey, the battling tar, who fought two vicious bouts with Jim Jeffries, defeated many great heavyweights.



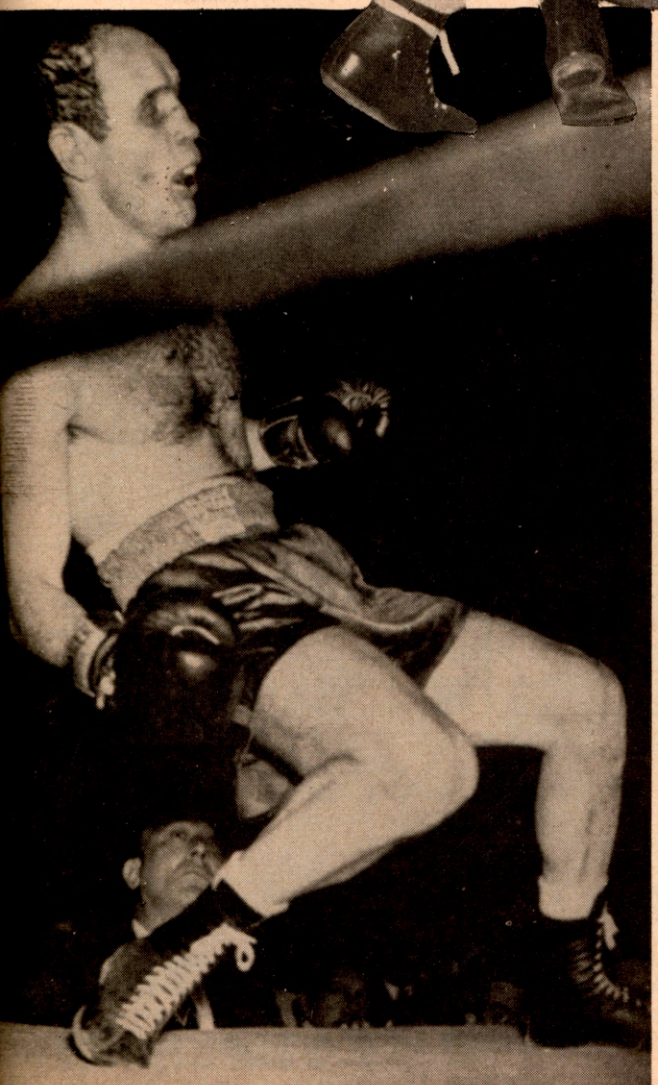
(Left) Pete Herman, twice holder of the bantamweight title, now a member of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission. (Right) George Lavigne, known as the Saginaw Kid, holder of the world lightweight title before the turn of the century.

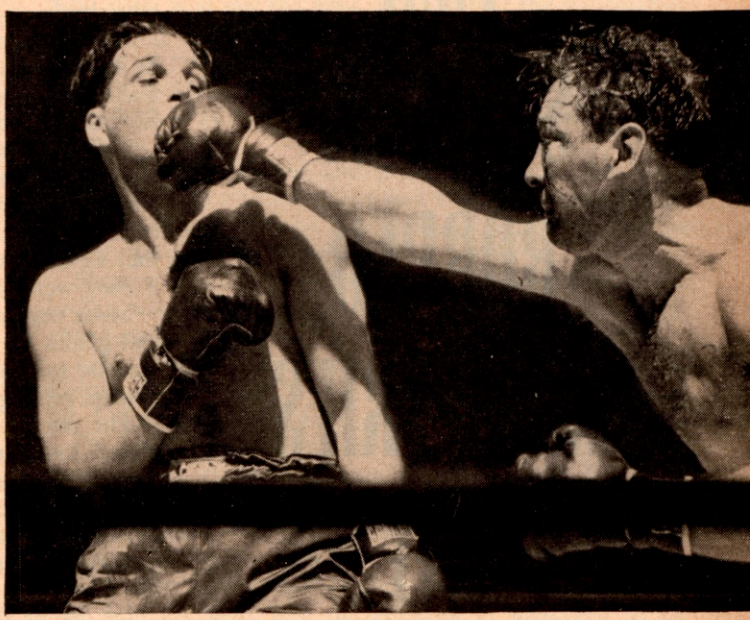
Jimmy Wilde, the Mighty Atom, the first of the world flyweight kings. Wilde is now an English sports writer.

FAMOUS FIGHTS RECALLED

Photos From The Ring Museum

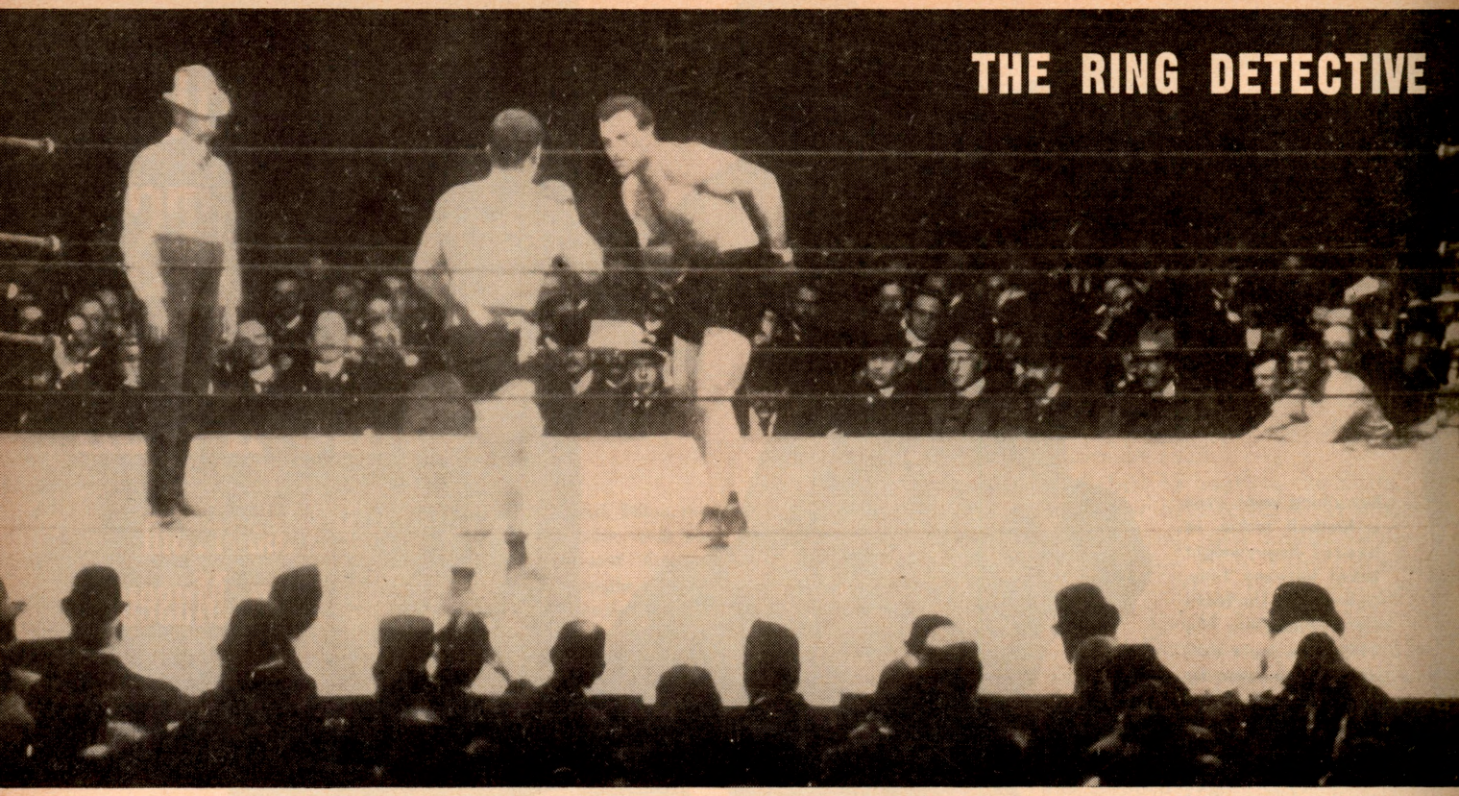
Everything went, even a football tackle, in brutal heavyweight brawl between Tony Galento and Lou Nova in Philadelphia in 1939. The more durable Galento won by knockout. Nova is pictured here grabing Galento as he slid to canvas for first of two knockdowns that ended the gory battle in 14th round.





One of the few times light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich looked good against Lee Oma was when he scored with long right to chin in Madison Square Garden in 1946. Ring rusty from World War II service with Coast Guard, Lesnevich was too slow for the shifty Oma, and by fourth round Gus' features were so badly ripped by Lee's stinging punches, the bout was halted.

As a substitute for ailing Ray Robinson, then welterweight champion, Georgie Abrams was no match for hard-hitting Anton Raadik, Estonian middleweight, in Chicago in 1948. When (left) Abrams went down for the third time in tenth round, the bout was automatically stopped by the referee.



Sailor Tom Sharkey carried the fight to Jim Jeffries during the early rounds and in the eyes of many ringsiders should have been given the verdict after twenty-five gruelling rounds. Referee George Siler, the lone official, raised Jeffries' hand in victory.

TOM SHARKEY ROBBED IN JEFFRIES FIGHT?

By DAN DANIEL

As the boxing analyst wanders through at times highly colorful, sometimes bizarre and rarely uninteresting past of this dynamic sport, he is struck with its tremendous virility and its incredible ability to take shocks.

He is struck, too, with the fact that the past was not always unerring in its judgment of fighters and fights. Here and there the Ring Detective finds outcroppings which intrigue his possibly over-suspicious nature, and his insatiable desire for the truth.

Now and then the past of boxing spawned what appeared to be a fix. Now and then the past of this fantastic sport developed an out and out error in judgment by a referee which had tremendous impacts on ring history. Now and then, too, we have had mistakes that were so glaring that we are spurred to examine the records of certain officials, and wonder if they weren't tempted too far.

Many years ago, before we had commissions, the NBA and other controls and guides for fistic probity, there were no judges in a fight. The referee was the sole arbiter, and his judgment kept champions reigning, and contenders gaining world titles.

The referee system had its good points. But it is obvious that it also placed too much responsibility on one man and too much faith in the bona fides of a single scorer of points.

Let this not be regarded as an attack on referees, past or present. We have had some remarkably capable third men in the ring. We have had spectacular officials of the highest order of personal conduct in and out of the ring.

Let all of this be the prelude to another investigation by The Ring Detective, who now digs into the second fight between Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey, at Coney Island on November 3, 1899.

SILER CALLED JEFFRIES "WINNER, STILL CHAMPION"

This fierce contest, called by both Jeff and the Sailor "*the toughest fight of my life*," was won by Jeffries, defending champion, by decision of referee Geeorge Siler, recognized as the best of his time.

Siler, of course is dead. So are both Jeffries and Sharkey. But a good

many veterans who saw the battle at New York's surfside still are arguing over the decision.

If the Ring Detective finds that Siler made one of the colossal errors of fight history, and bilked Sharkey out of the world championship, many of the Old Guard will rise to the writer's support.

The first contest between Jeffries and Sharkey was fought on May 6, 1898, at San Francisco, 20 rounds to a decision. Jeff had yet to win the title from Bob Fitzsimmons. The Boilermaker stopped Ruby Robert in eleven heats on June 9, 1899, at Coney Island.

Sharkey was able to study Jeff's style and skills very carefully in the California fight, and when he met Jim at Coney, he felt confident that he would turn the tables on him.

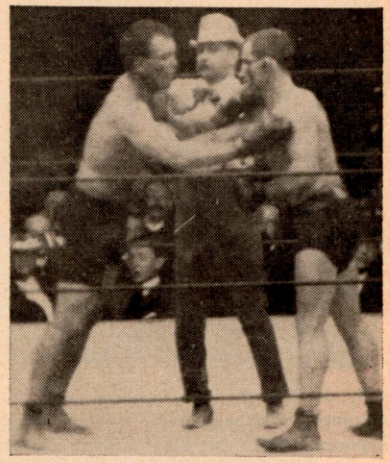
Jeffries was no better than a 10 to 7 favorite at Coney. This in spite of his big advantage in the weights, 215 to 183. Jeff had picked up nine pounds since his victory over Fitz.

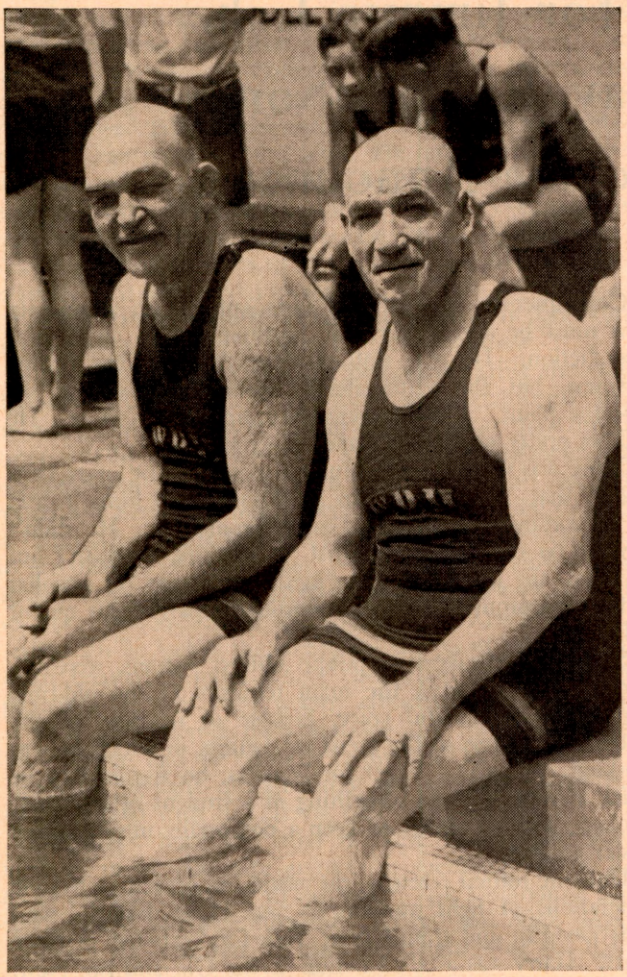
Both Sharkey and Jeffries were sorely handicapped by the poorly arranged lights for the movies. Jeff lost 20 pounds, Sharkey shed nine.

For seventeen rounds, Sharkey kept Jeffries pretty much on the receiving end. In the eighteenth, Jim started to rally. However, Tom's supporters felt that the worst Siler should have given the sailor was a draw.

Most of those who contributed to the then remarkable take of $68,000 were vehement in their support of the idea that Sharkey had won.

Siler pulls apart the two tired battlers in the closing moments of the fight. Tom bleeding from an eye cut slowed down in the last few rounds as Jeffries' weight and the heat from the moving picture lights took their toll.





Twenty-seven years after their fight at Coney Island, Jim and Tom enjoy the sun and water at Wardman Park in Washington, D. C. where they were visiting for a sports dinner.

If, as they maintained, Siler had made a mistake, there were extenuating circumstances. The referee was not so old, only 53. Yet the terrific heat in the ring wore him down and when he got to his dressing room, he collapsed.

The late Joe Vila, veteran columnist of the Evening Sun, New York, who saw the fight, told me that the temperature in the ring hit 112 degrees. The lights bounced their hot rays off tin reflectors and made the heat unbearable even as far back as the tenth row. The poor ringsiders got roasted at the high impost of $35 each. It was an outdoor fight, on a coolish night.

"Sharkey beat Jeffries and should have won the title," Vila said. *"The customers were in a mood for lynching Siler, and Tom O'Rourke, who ran the scrap, had to call out the police reserves to protect the referee from harm."*

Sharkey suffered four fractured ribs, and Jeffries got a broken nose in this perhaps most vicious of all heavyweight championship fights.

From Coney, Sharkey went to the offices of Dr. John F. Erdmann, on East 54th Street in New York. In later years, Dr. Erdmann became one of the nation's greatest surgeons.

Dr. John already verged on 80 when I went to ask him about Tom's condition on that November night in 1899.

"I did not see the fight," the surgeon told me. *"I did examine Sharkey and found him badly battered and bruised. It was apparent that he had been in a very punishing fight.*

"I do not wish to become involved in any dispute as to who won the fight, and the evidence as presented to me in Sharkey's condition. In short, I don't want to be quoted.

"I understand that Jeffries also was badly done up. But I did not examine him, and in any event, a comparison of injuries hardly would have offered any concrete evidence as to the winner.

"I do recollect that Sharkey felt he had won the fight. But, as I have said, he was badly beaten up."

Jeffries did not appear in a ring again for six months, and then against a setup, Jack Finnegan, on April 6, in Detroit.

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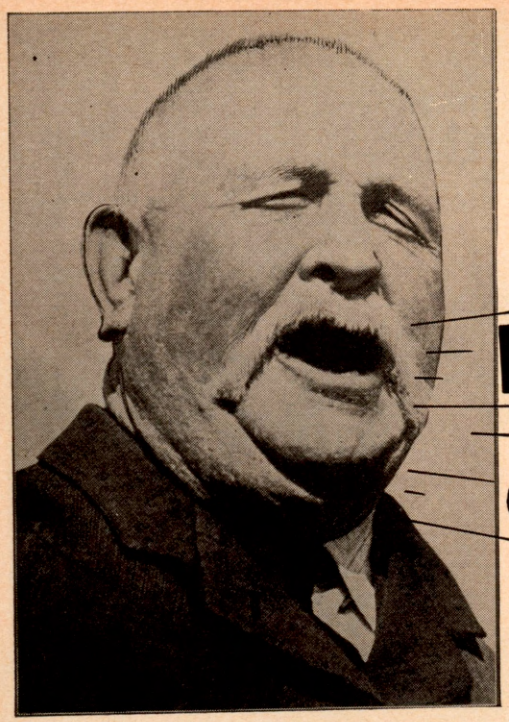

Billy Jordan of San Francisco, who not only officiated as announcer for most of California's important bouts, but was much in demand for out-of-town engagements. With a strong voice and fluent vocabulary, Billy was quick at repartee and "poison" to hecklers.

LADEZ-Z-Z 'N' GENT-LE-MEN

"Business as Usual" for Jimmie Lake on His 80th Birthday Recalls Some Colorful Old-Time Boxing Announcers

BY JERSEY JONES

UNLIKE old soldiers—and old sports announcers—Jimmy Lake refuses to fade away.

Jimmy recently celebrated his 80th birthday by taking care of his usual announcing chores on a nationally-televised boxing card out of Washington, D. C. Also as usual, he did a fine job.

A colorful character, Jimmy Lake. During his long, active career, Jimmy, a native of Brooklyn but an adopted son of Washington since 1921, has been many things, among them a burlesque impressario, a vaudeville performer and (tsk, tsk) a Shakesperian actor. Currently he owns and operates a cozy little tavern in Washington which has become a popular gathering for local and visiting celebrities.

Writing of Jimmy Lake recalls the radical changes that have been made in the sports announcing trade in recent years. Like the old grey mare, the business ain't what it used to be. It's become too refined.

The old-time masters of ceremonies, who often mangled the English language, but added much to the fans' entertainment, are no longer wanted. With television reaching into so many homes, to women and children as well as men, it became imperative for some drastic alterations in the announcing department. Mothers and school teachers complained that it was difficult enough trying to get youngsters to learn proper English without having their efforts messed up by the colorful but often ungrammatical observations on sports events coming through their video sets.

Consequently, the main requirements of an announcer now must be a neat personal appearance, and clear, concise diction. He may not know much about the boxing business, but that's immaterial, inconsequential and beside the point. His functions are simple and routine. He follows pretty much of a standard script.

Time was when an announcer was something more than merely that. He usually was an attraction in himself, and an important part of any boxing promotion. He didn't have to be a grammatical purist. Generally, he wasn't but he spoke the language of the fight crowds and his peculiar gift for mispronunciation was considered part of his quaint "charm."

Since loud speakers, or public address systems, were unknown in those days, the main requisite of the old-time barker was a powerful voice, capable of reaching to the outermost regions of the arena or stadium in which he was working. A natural target for hecklers, he also had to be quick at repartee, and something of a student of mob psychology, with an ability to keep a potentially unruly crowd under control.

Until he retired recently, the nearest approach to bygone generations of fight announcers was Harry Balogh, who functioned in and around New York for thirty-five or more years. Harry was a combination of the Old and the New. In appearance and voice, he measured up to current standards, but in personality and language he belonged to that

Harry Balogh, who was New York's leading announcer for many years. Harry combined the Old with the New, but developed one fault. He was too redundant, and brevity was not the soul of his wit. Balogh didn't believe in brief announcements when he could stretch them into long-winded monologues.

bizarre collection of Broadway characters glorified by the writings of the late Damon Runyon.

Balogh had all the necessary qualifications to rate as this era's outstanding announcer. Unfortunately, however, he encouraged a tendency to overplay his role. He became entirely too long-winded and repetitious, and his listeners were often annoyed rather than entertained by his tactics. Redundancy ran rampant with him. He refused to limit the simplest announcement to a brief twenty or thirty words if he could stretch it out to a hundred or more. Often enough he scaled the heights—or plumbed the depths—of the ridiculous with such specimens of "Baloghney" as "May the better participant emerge victorious."

The two most celebrated human megaphones in American ring history were Billy Jordan and Joe Humphreys.

Jordan, out of San Francisco, flourished during the Gay '90s and early years of this century, when California was the main center of big-time ring operations in the United States. "Old Bill," as he was affectionately dubbed, not only officiated at practically all the major fights in and around San Francisco, but he was frequently invited to lend his inimitable talents to important bouts staged elsewhere. He was master of ceremonies at such historic episodes as the Bob Fitzsimmons-Jim Corbett affair in Carson City and the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries promotion in Reno.

Although he lacked the stentorian powers of Humphreys, Jordan boasted a more fluent vocabulary and a gift for squelching hecklers with snappy comebacks. There were few fans who, having once sampled the stinging lash of Billy's tongue, had the temerity to invite an encore.

Jordan's pre-fight introductions and announcements invariably closed with the clarion call: *"Let 'er go!"*

Humphreys, born and bred in New York's East Side, didn't go in for elaborate gestures or speeches. What he had to say was brief and to the point. Joe's schooling had been limited, and words beyond two syllables often posed a problem for him, but he used the language of the fight crowd and was the more effective because of it.

Humphreys had certain set lines for introductions of

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Joe Humphreys, who became a boxing "institution." Major ring events in and around New *York didn't seem official unless* Joe did the announcing. He had a limited vocabulary but combined a powerful voice with the language of the fight business and an ability to control a potentially unruly crowd.

By
TED CARROLL

Liston Poses Problems

Heavyweight Contender's Unpleasant Past And Reported Managerial Connections Throw Up Barriers

PROBLEM children are nothing new to pugilism, although the much picked-upon profession is less plagued by them than some other less publicized pastimes. For fight people, and this includes the entire roll call of the "cauliflower set,"—fighters, managers, trainers, promoters, TV interloppers, sportswriters and commissions —heavyweight Sonny Liston presents a separate and distinct problem for each.

To rival heavyweights Liston is fast taking on the fearsome facade of an atomic age Sam Langford. Many trainers, looking right past their own charges, call him the best heavyweight in the ring today, Ingemar Johansson's all conquering right notwithstanding.

Managers do a disappearing act when Liston's name is brought up as an opponent for their lads, even in these TV times of scant selectivity.

Sportswriters, disturbed by his "connections" and personal history, are hesitant in penning the panegyrics which would ordinarily be his, and commissions are nervously awaiting the time when some decision will have to be made as to his fitness to assume the No. 1 contendership, which, purely from the standpoint of ability seems inevitable.

Promoters and TV sponsors are debating the public reaction to Liston's presentation as a heavyweight standout and possible world champion in view of his background and his alleged backers.

Among those frankly awed by this power punching, smooth boxing, behemoth is former heavyweight king, Rocky Marciano, who makes no bones about declaring the present resident of Philadelphia, a most imposing heavyweight threat to take the title.

"His left jab is like a bludgeon," offers the old Blockbuster, who certainly rates as an authority on heavy hitting. He had watched Liston destroy big Mike De John in Miami.

A still stronger opinion is voiced by veteran manager Charley Rose, who winking knowingly, avers that the throttle hasn't really been opened on Liston yet, and this powerful fellow is still operating under restraint.

"Wait until they really turn him loose, if they ever do!" warns chubby Charley.

Liston's background isn't entirely unique among boxers and athletes who faced similar childhood conditions and pitfalls. The familiar combination of extreme poverty, thirteen children in the Liston family, unwholesome environment and companions, all eventually merged into a reformatory term and subsequent institutional confinement.

Even as Babe Ruth, greatest of ballplayers, found his misdirected steps set upon the road to rehabilitation at Baltimore's St. Mary's Institute, Liston made his greatest progress toward rectitude through the influence of a Catholic priest, Father Stephens of St. Louis. The wise padre, noting Liston's unusual natural gifts for boxing, furnished the inspiration for the further development of his unusual ability.

Liston's capability was in excess of Father Stephens' wildest dreams. In fact, his biggest battle thus far has been with himself. His opponents have been easy by comparison with his struggle to keep himself clear of further entanglements with society.

Nor do the complications in the St. Louisian's career end here, assuming his own past is pardonable, further clouding the horizon of his prospects are the sinister shadows of behind-the-scenes sponsors, presently in high disfavor with the authorities, as a result of being either under investigation or indictment.

While Frank "Blinky" Palermo and Louis Dragna deny any connection with the newest heavyweight threat, there is much skepticism surrounding their disclaimers.

Of course the whole problem hinges on this question—How good is Sonny Liston? A consensus of opinion among boxing figure goes along with the previously mentioned size-up by the veteran Rose.

When asked for an opinion, Madison Square Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner, shook his head pityingly as though doubting the sanity of the interrogator. Answering the question—New York style — with a question, Teddy asked, *"Who would you pick to lick him?"*

MAJORITY OPINION PLACES LISTON IN HIGH BRACKET

Astute trainer, Teddy Bentham, home from England, where he worked behind featherweight king Davey Moore, weighs in with, *"I wouldn't bet on a grizzly bear against Liston!"*

Ray Robinson's trainer, Harry Wiley, offers some slight dissent, by observing, *"A very powerful man, but a little slow. A fellow who can move and stick would have a good chance against him."*

Ageless conditioner, Jack "Doc" Moore, is inclined towards the Charley

Rose theory, that *"Liston hasn't really opened up yet."*

Further sampling of professional opinion is in like vein. By majority vote, Liston's ability is such that sooner or later the facts of life are going to force the issue of his worthiness as a top challenger and probable champion. Bolstering this idea is Liston's current record of 26 bouts, 25 wins, and 16 knockouts with but a single loss.

When the showdown finally comes, will Liston be okayed or is he fated to join the late Sam Langford and Harry Wills as the third member of a trio who due to conditions over which they had no control, never got the chances they deserved?

Of course the cases of Langford and Wills were far removed from that of Liston. Old Sam, for instance, was a gentle soul outside the ring, handled by the much respected and still active octogenarian, Joe Woodman. He was a victim of the downright refusal of every champion of his era in every class in which he competed, right up to the heavyweight titleholder Jack Johnson, to meet him in a title bout. With no commissions in those days to pressure reluctant champions into putting their crowns on the line, the Bostonian was simply out of luck.

Langford was clearly the most formidable challenger for Jack Johnson's crown from 1910, when "Lil Artha" defeated Jeffries, up to the time he lost it to Willard in 1915. There was a left-handed racial issue here, since the tale has been advanced that the Galveston boxing master's reason for blacklisting old Sam was his pride in having been the first Negro to win the heavyweight title and his desire to remain so.

This, plus the fact that Langford and Johnson were not fond of each other. Langford had been an outspoken Jeffries supporter in 1910 in Reno and it could have been Johnson held this against him. Furthermore, Johnson had beaten Langford when both were on the way up in Chelsea, Mass., in 1906. Although he greatly outweighed Sam at that time, Jack figured that should take care of him forever. At any rate, Sam never got his chance.

WILLS MOST METICULOUS IN HIS PRIVATE LIFE

The Wills barrier was a tough break for Harry, for in the long history of the ring no fighter ever led a more impeccable private life than the late "Brown Panther of New Orleans." Clean living to the extent that up to the time of his death last winter, people from all over the world still corresponded with him, seeking health hints and remedies. The name of Harry Wills became synonymous for meticulous care of the body.

A fine figure of a man to the end, Wills was also a solid citizen in the most concrete sense, living the life of a country squire in Harlem surroundings, as a propertied owner of several well maintained apartment houses. He left an estate probated at more than one hundred thousand dollars. A community asset in many ways, he set a shining example for family life and marital fidelity. Married to one wo-

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Two former lightweight champions Jimmy Carter, left, and Paddy DeMarco shown in their San Francisco bout in 1954 when Carter stopped Paddy in fourteenth round to regain the title. Both have fallen down the ladder but are still plying their trade though they are past the thirty year mark. Paddy has lost seven out of eight fights this year, the last four in a row, while Carter has won three in a row since coming back in August.

Basilio Confronted With Many Examples Of Former Champions Who Can't See The Finish Line

They Linger On • • •

By AL BUCK

UNLIKE old soldiers, old fighters do not fade away. Too often the fistic kings stay on stage long past their time. Their greatness becomes tarnished by their last futile efforts, and it is only with the passing years that the records, so faithfully kept by The Ring, restore their greatness.

These thoughts were prompted by recent items in the press, one about Ezzard Charles, the other about Virgil Akins. A third concerning Carmen Basilio might have had an indirect bearing on the question: "Why do these tired ex-champions fight on?"

A few, too few, know when to bow out. This is also true of sports other than boxing, but there are exceptions. Joe DiMaggio is remembered as the all around ball player, the one who could do everything well. He quit the Yankees when he still could command a $100,000 salary.

The Yankee Clipper realized he wasn't getting around to pull the ball to left field the way he used to. That convinced him he should retire. He neither kidded himself nor let somebody talk him out of it. DiMaggio left, a star to the last.

In football Col. Earl Blaik concluded 25 years of coaching with a winning season at Army. He knew he should not over-stay his leave, and he chose a victory over Navy as the moment for his exit.

Gene Tunney never thought of fighting again once he had retired as undefeated world heavyweight champion. Through the years he has become a symbol, the hero of a self-made success story. Rocky Marciano followed in Tunney's footsteps, but now there are rumors he is considering a comeback. This is unlikely, and his friends can only hope they are not true.

LOUIS AND JEFFRIES ERRED IN COMEBACKS

Compare Marciano's position today with that of Joe Louis. No greater fighter than the Brown Bomber ever lived. He quit on top, as did James J. Jeffries before him, and like Jeff made the big mistake.

Charles too was world heavyweight champion, and yet we noted where the New York Commission had frowned on a bout in which he was to have been a contestant. The Commissioners decided Ez, age 38 years, had had it, and they were right.

Why then does Charles persist in fighting? Is it pride that drives him on? Does he need money?

Does his mind convince him he is still the fighter who outpointed Louis nine long years ago?

This year he has lost two of three fights, and in Boise, Idaho, was stopped in eight rounds. He managed to win from Dave Ashley in Cincinnati, scoring a seven round knockout. In his most recent start he was defeated by Alvin Green at Oklahoma City. These fighters would have been mere sparring partners for Charles in the years when he was champion.

Nobody expected Ez to pack it in when Jersey Joe Walcott surprised the fistic world, and himself, by scoring a seven round knockout at the Pittsburgh ball park in 1951. Charles was entitled to a change to regain the crown. A year later in Philadelphia he came close, but while he didn't win he still commanded respect as a fighter.

Charles made another bid, a real one, against Marciano after Rocky had succeeded Walcott on the throne. The fight went right down to the wire, and Ez has the distinction of being the only challenger to go the distance with

the Brockton Blockbuster. There was a return bout of course, and Rocky finished him off in eight. That is when Charles could have retired with dignity.

WHY DOES CHARLES GO RIGHT ON FIGHTING?

Since then the ex-champ has been knocked out by John Holman and Young Jack Johnson, outpointed twice by Hurricane Jackson, and licked by such as Toxie Hall, Wayne Bethea, Pat McMurtry and Harry Matthews. He tried in England, only to lose on a foul to Dick Richardson.

Why doesn't Charles quit? He should know the task he has set himself can not be accomplished. He should know from experience gained the night he defeated Louis. Ezz was at his peak that night having take over when Joe retired.

Louis didn't have it any more, but there is no mystery as to why he came back. He needed money. Joe fought on after the Charles defeat. He knew his limitations, but there were taxes to pay. In fact he owed more taxes than any boxer could pay. There came the inevitable night when an ambitious Marciano knocked him out in the eighth round, and the curtain came down for the last time.

There may be a lesson there for Basilio. He was inclined to agree with his wife, and take his doctor's advice to call it a career after he failed to win the NBA middleweight title in a battle with Gene Fullmer. Now he is reported to be considering returning to the welterweight class, and trying to win that title from Don Jordan.

Basilio should realize a man does not have to retire a champion. Jack Dempsey didn't, but he was smart enough to choose the right time to say "so long." That was after he failed to regain the title in a return bout with Tunney at Chicago.

Beaten by Gene in the rain at Philadelphia, Jack had to qualify for a second try. This he did by knocking out Jack Sharkey, leading contender, in seven rounds. One would wish Floyd Patterson had had to take a similar test before attempting to regain the crown from champion Ingemar Johansson. That is the way it used to be, and should be again.

Patterson in training isn't going to convince anybody he has even an outside chance with the hard-hitting Swede. Dempsey had to knock out Sharkey in order to draw the all time record gate—$2,658,660—with Tunney in the famed *"battle of the long count."*

AKINS HIT TOBOGGAN AFTER BEATING MARTINEZ

Akins, former welterweight champion, seems to be following Charles down hill. A year ago he blasted Vince Martinez in four rounds to be crowned the 147-pound king. About all he has done since is lose.

Right after winning the title, Akins lost the first nine rounds of an over-the-weight bout to Tombstone Smith. He got lucky in the tenth, knocking out Tombstone, but other than outpointing Stan Harrington in Honolulu last August, Akins has known only defeat.

They called him "Honey Bear," and he was the champion when he went to Los Angeles to fight Jordan. Jordan beat him. He beat him again in a return bout at St. Louis. Akins took on Luis Rodriquez at Miami Beach, and lost again.

More recently Akins was defeated at Washington, D. C., by the southpaw Kenny Lane. Looking at it on TV one could only wonder what is he fighting for?

We know of course that it is never easy for a man to quit doing what he knows best. Too often, perhaps in a majority of cases, it is the only think he knows. It is a livelihood, a thing a man has done all his life. It is that way with fighters.

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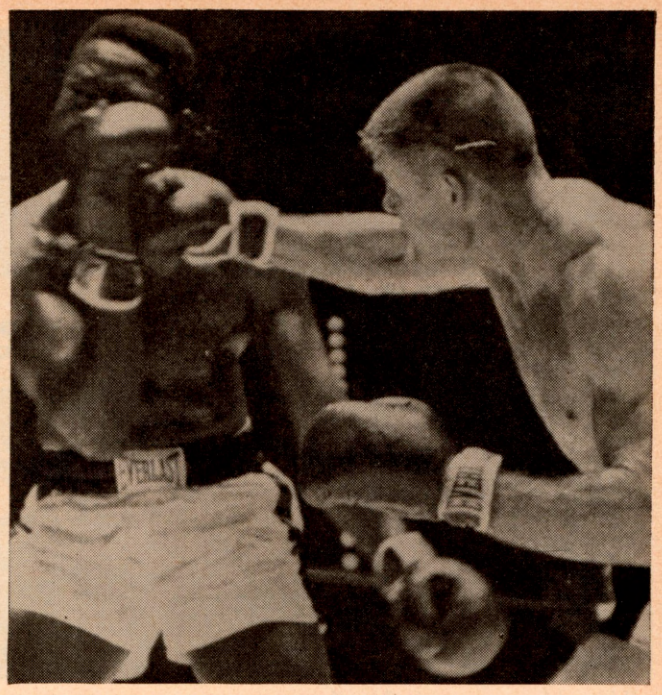
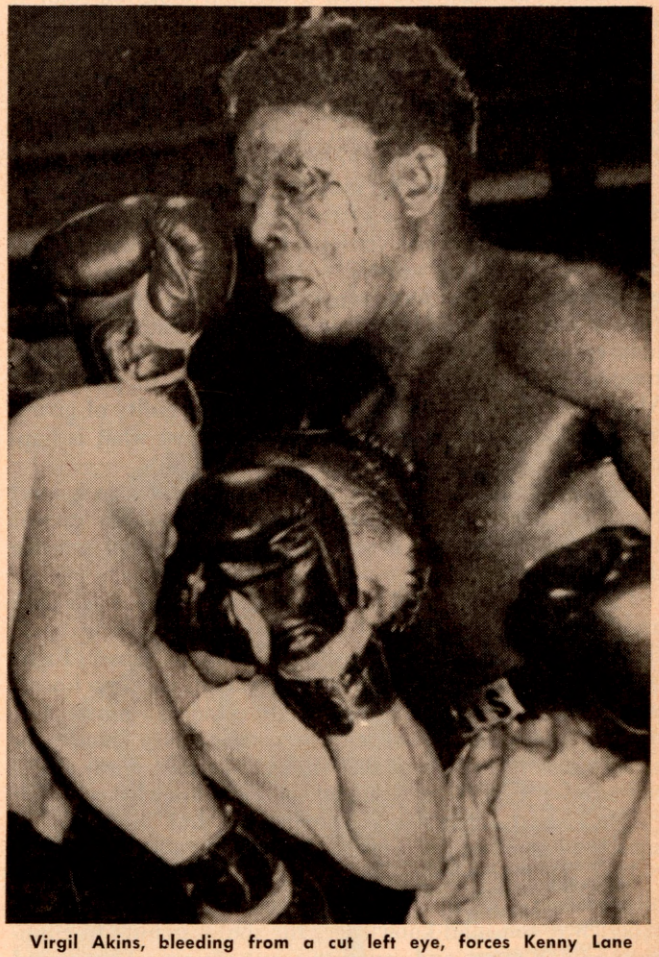
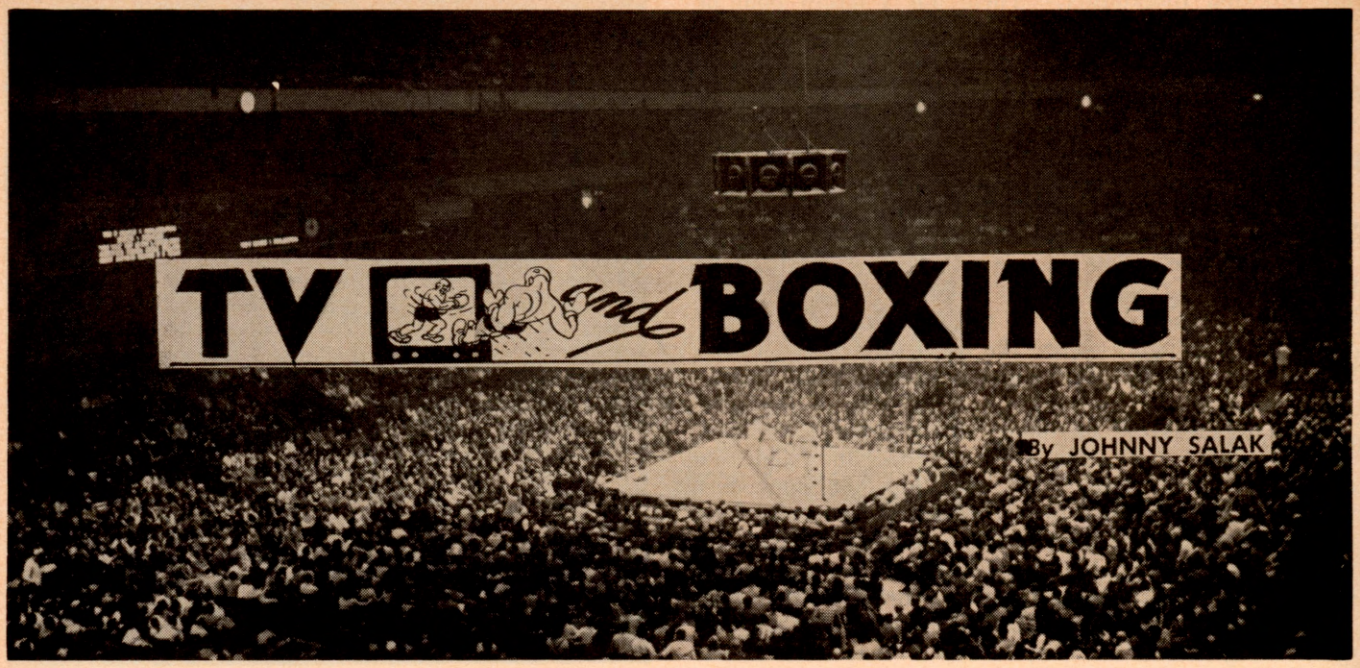


Ezzard Charles takes a right to the jaw from young Donnie Fleeman just before being kayoed in the sixth round of their fight in Dallas, Texas. Charles quit after this fight last year but has come back losing two of three fights this year against second rate foes. Since failing in his second bid against Rocky Marciano in 1954, Ezz has lost 13 of 23, being kayoed four times.



Virgil Akins, bleeding from a cut left eye, forces Kenny Lane against the ropes during the closing round of their recent Washington, D. C. battle. Since dropping his welter title to Don Jordan last December, Virgil has been able to win but one out of four fights and has shown little of the TNT punching power that swept him into the crown with kayos over Tony DeMarco, Isaac Logart and Vince Martinez. He now fights for coffee and cake.



TV and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

THAT ole debbil TV takes a beating more often than most fighters. It used to be, before video, that when a decision rankled the fans it was confined to the audience of a few thousand in the arena.

Now, twenty million persons have a watchful eye on the fisticuffers via video and when a decision looks off-color it seems they are all ready to kick the sets on their glass jaws.

Also, a storm of protest rises over the nation and is not abated until the next result of a video fight is given. Of recent, we refer to the angry voices which were raised following decisions rendered (torn apart?) in the Joey Giardello-Dick Tiger and Florentino Fernandez-Gaspar Ortega fights.

The big, glaring one-eyed monster, known in some quarters as a television camera, is often berated as the culprit, for giving a distorted visual version of a fight. It happens too often. A resounding wallop is seen and heard around the world we live in—but more often than not it is nothing more than a love tap with histrionics. The announcers, paid to help entertain rather than report, are not much help. Entrapped by their loyalty and feverish desire to please the Man Who Pays The Bills, they are at times guilty of giving highly colored and confusing accounts of just what is happening—or isn't happening.

But no one can long ignore (even if one wanted to ignore) the loud blasts from long-suffering fandom which cannot understand just why it is so difficult to arrive at a sensible decision.

Properly scoring a fight is often jealously guarded as a dark and mysterious maneuver by "experts." It ain't no such thing. Mostly it is plain, ordinary common sense. Eight out of ten rounds and eight out of ten bouts need no hocus-pocus and no fifty years at ringside to decide a winner. The margin, in the arena or at television set, is sharp enough for a four year old to fathom the winner. For that ninth round the edge is more sharply honed. A basic knowledge of the game, a short interval of concentration and slight experience is a big aid in arriving at a sound conclusion.

It is the tenth round, the tenth fight, where the expert might have to be called upon to bring together the thorough experience, the solid knowledge, the soul-searching to eliminate human errors and arrive at a just winner. That round is the toss-up of the fight, the, generally speaking, one close, next-to-even round.

There is no earthly or celestial reason why three officials cannot arrive at the same decision in a fight, awarding the same rounds to the same fighter. And not much reason why the officials in turn, despite a better vantage point, supposedly greater knowledge and experience, cannot more often see "eye-to-eye" with the general opinion of fandom.

There is no reason why six, four or three rounds in a ten round bout have to be scored even by any official. There ain't no such animal as an even round. Or a draw decision in a fight. The New York State Commission rules, more so than others, does much to eliminate the "draw" decision. For a championship fight, in most states, a draw is officially frowned upon. It is almost encouraged for a bout in which no title is at stake.

The rules governing scoring in New York, N. B. A. territory and even Timbuktu (though not Thailand) are virtually the same. A round and the fight are won on four basics:

1. Clean punching. 2. Effective aggressiveness. 3. Defense. 4. Ring generalship.

Certainly these are simple enough and in most cases are clear enough to evaluate. There are other things to watch for, there are tricks of the trade. Defensive and offensive maneuvers that the ringwise boxer will used. To the watchful eye they become apparent, clever, but apparent. They should be scored according to the rules: if permissible, credit should be given the boxer; if not, this should be taken into account in scoring the round and the bout.

No mumbo-jumbo, no hocus-pocus, no mysterious markings on the scorecards, no leaving the scoring "open" and then going back to fill in as the bout forms a pattern.

It should be a comparatively simple thing to pick the winner after the fight. Our problem, for years, was trying to pick the winner before the fight.

OUR TV HERO

A University of Arizona psychologist says that the much abused TV western may be keeping a good many Americans from going beserk. Frustration, he says, is the key to its immense popularity.

"It's a means of identifying with the conquering or suffering hero," he explains, "a case of right over wrong."

What then of the TV sports fan?

What is more frustrating than identifying one's self with the home run slugger, sporting a .400 average no less, team losing 3-0 in the last of the ninth, bases loaded, two out, count of 3 and 2 on Our Hero? So what does the Big Bum do? Bounces a lazy one, a Willie Miranda, to the pitcher. Our Hero fails to run it out. The pitcher throws wildly to first base. Two runs come in. Ball is retrieved and Our Hero

suddenly, too late, wakes up and is out at first base. Our Team loses 3-2, and Our Hero limps to the dug out. Great Actor that he is, it was (after all) the bad ankle which halted his possible game-saving dash for first.

Beserk? Have you ever watches Our TV Hero stab his free swinging opponent silly for seven-eight rounds, then decide that he's not only the best boxer in the business but also just about the hardest puncher when he wants to be? So he goes in to finish off the Stumbling Block (put on a real show for His Audience). Stumbling Block, eyes closed, flailing away, just happens to be throwing a looping right that even Joe Grim would have been ashamed to get hit with. Our Hero, of course, gets nailed.

After that, he decides he is neither a Fancy Dan nor a Slugger, but really a Television Star who shouldn't get mussed up—and besides, "how the heck did I get into this predicament—who made this match with this Killer?" So Our Hero attempts to retreat to all four corners at the same time with Stumbling Block (who is really a nice guy and wants to be helpful) planting his big mitts all over Our Hero and gently, almost lovingly, hammering him into a corner. At this point, Our Hero throws up his arms (not in a defiant gesture though, heaven forbid!) and decides that just so much acting is worth $4,000. Enough is enough, he wants to shriek.

What more heart-warming hero than the basketball goon (a professional now. Now?) who is really a clever fellow (got straight "A's" in all his subjects at P. U., said subjects including basket weaving, ceramics and a special course listed as "The Dynamics of Pinochle and Poker Playing"). Opponents have just score a goal to go out in front 172-171 with seconds remaining in the televised encounter. Our Hero gets the ball at center court, winds up and heaves quickly in an attempt to score before the game ends. Down, down, down it goes, straight into the basket for two points. The buzzer sounds. The game's over. We wi-, oops! Our Hero heaved the ball into the wrong basket. Final score. 174 to 171 against us. Our Hero sadly shakes his head as he ambles off the court. The TV sports world mourns with him. But not for the same reason. Our Hero still can't understand why they didn't credit Our Team with the two points which would have won the game. After all, what do they want from a guy? They just taught him to keep shooting at the basket. Nobody said nuttin' about there being two baskets.

Frustrating? Going beserk? Quick turn on a TV Western. On rye.

CHAMPIONS VERY ACTIVE

More champions than ever are being seen on television and in films. Unfortunately for the fight fan, their appearances for the most part are limited to acting—not fighting.

Ingemar Johansson, the world heavyweight champion who was dynamically to restore boxing to what it once was, has been the busiest of them all, flitting all over the world to do a series of motion pictures and appear with regularity on TV. Certainly his lack of fistic activity cannot be blamed entirely on him and, more certainly, this corner of all would not begrudge his cashing in on a good property while it remains in his possession.

But the edge is being taken off Ingo as a scintillating fighter, even though he is becoming a polished thespian. Somewhere the boat is being missed, the damper put on. And the impression is fast gathering force that Johansson is thoroughly enjoying being a non-fighting, non-training champion.

When it was thought that Ingo The Bingo was finally getting down to the hard work of being a professional fighter by daily working out in what was once Stillman's Gym in New York (during the cocktail hour, no less) it turned out that the Smiling Swede was merely loosening up for yet another video performance.

However, this may all be masked strategy on the part of a "very-different" world heavyweight champion. For it will be recalled that most American sports writers (and quite a few foreign ones, too!) scoffed at the training schedule of the handsome Swede before the Floyd Patterson debacle.

Then, it seemed, Johansson trained on wine, women and song and used his gaudy, well-equipped, well-staffed training camp as a place to "loosen up." Nothing was further from the truth, naturally, but this was an impression he definitely gave. And the strange goings-on paid off big.

So, perhaps, just perhaps, every time you see Johansson capering away like a virile vaudevillian on TV it is all part of his training. If true, he'll be in great shape come the next fight.

Archie Moore, of the ancient order of beak busters and holder of the world light heavyweight title, is another who has been busy, busy, busy in a lazy sort of way in Hollywood. Moore has an important part in the film production "Huckleberry Finn." When asked when his next fight would be, Old Arch opened one eye and drawled, "Ah'm goin' fishin'."

He was left in peace, a man of his age needing all the rest he could get.

The TV networks are well stocked with performances of past and present champions. Ray Robinson, world middleweight champion if you don't read the N. B. A. releases, did a stint on the Pat Boone TV show. Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champions, aided in a recent video production. Rocky Graziano, still vaguely remembered as holder of the world middleweight title but now finding further fame as an actor, is involved in another TV series.

One thing is certain. We've got the busiest crop of inactive champions seen (and not seen) in a long while.

GRAZIANO IN NEW TV SERIES

Rocky Graziano, our favorite thes-paisano, is going to collitch! Told us so himself. And this is no gag. Deadly serious stuff. The Rock, who once owned the world middleweight championship and fought three bloodbaths with Tony Zale, retired from the business of chopping up opponents in 1952 and is now busy cutting himself a slice of fame as an actor.

Presently he is in Miami, Fla., doing a TV series called "Miami Undercover," which stars Lee Bowman.

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Rocky Graziano (right), one-time world middleweight champion, is now engaged in making another TV series, "Miami Undercover," which stars Lee Bowman. Here Joe E. Brown, famed screen comedian, gives The Rock some pointers, mostly of the thumbs variety.

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championship.

In his next match he was paired with Billy Hunter, who figured to be an even softer touch than Johnson. Tony not only failed to win, but was a pathetic figure as Hunter blasted him from one end of the ring to another, finally stopping him in the seventh round.

That was all Braca could take. He'd already taken more than a manager's normal share of disappointment with a fighter. With Anthony's pitiful showing Ernie declared that he not only would retire the fighter but that he would quit the boxing business when his contract with Tony expires January 1.

Whether he will quit or not remains to be seen. It's been said that once boxing gets into a man's blood, there's no cure for it. Braca may be finished with boxing so far as Anthony is concerned, but his association with the business goes back too far for him to permit one disappointment to discourage him. Nobody knows better than Ernie that in boxing the champ of today is quite apt to become the chump of tomorrow—and vice versa.

BOXING "FARM CLUBS" DOING SPLENDID JOBS

The Madison Square Garden Boxing Club and the National Boxing Enterprises of Chicago, are going into the red in their promotions to develop new talent. The Windy City organization owned by Jim Norris, has been sponsoring bouts at the Midwest Gymnasium which to date has dropped close to $15,000 and will be fortunate if its losses for the twenty-two shows staged during the year don't put the Norris outfit into the red for a lot more.

In New York City, where Madison Square Garden sponsors the New York Boxing Club at the Academy of Music, the losses won't reach as high since boxing began there only a short time ago. Without the aid of television, neither the Eastern nor the Midwestern outfit can hope to make a go of their ventures financially. However, since the aim is to develop talent for their weekly TV shows, we may call the promotions a success.

Some of the boxers developed in these clubs have come to the front as television headliners. The majority of the newcomers were developed at the St. Nick's. This previously was under Madison Square Garden sponsorship and may soon be used by the Garden to take the place of it's new Academy of Music club and continue business where it had left off when its Garden's St. Nick lease expired and the Tele-Prompter outfit took over. Since the latter has been refused a license by the Boxing Commission, but has been paying rent on the St. Nicholas Arena since last July, arrangements are being completed to have the Garden take over this lease and use the old club again as an incubator.

Among those who have grown via the farms clubs and have found their way into lucrative television appearances are Sonny Liston, of Philadelphia, recognized as the best of the crop of heavyweights seeking shots at the title; Eddie Perkins, Chicago lightweight; Rudy Ellis, Covart, Michigan middleweight and Sonny Ray, light heavyweight from Chicago.

From the St. Nicholas Club of New York many boxers who might have remained obscure hit the spotlight, some even getting into the international top ten. The crop includes Alonzo Johnson, Pittsburgh heavyweight; Candy McFarland, Philadelphia light heavyweight; Benny Paret of Cuba, a welterweight; Victor Zalazar of Argentina, a middleweight; Billy Hunter who recently knocked Tony Anthony, a top rated heavyweight into retirement and Charley Scott, one of the nation's leading welters who hails from Philadelphia.

All of which adds up to the fact that though sponsoring the small farm clubs is proving quite costly to both the Garden and the Norris organizations, in the long end the losses sustained are recouped far beyond the investment by the development of top talent to take care of the obligations of the clubs to their television sponsors from whom a neat figure is obtained for each Wednesday and Friday fight broadcast.

TV & BOXING

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"I'm supposed to be going to Miami U. on the side, taking a little philosophy, ya know, and spouting a lot of 45-cent words. Most of which I never even heard before." The Rocky sneaked a quick, uneasy look around as if he expected a truant officer to make an appearance at any moment.

Graziano, who found there was an easier way to make a living when he made some guest TV shots on the Martha Raye show several years ago, is determined about his new career. He takes it more seriously than fighting.

"I play a guy who owns a little joint on Miami Beach called 'Rocky's Ringside,' and I'm always helping Bowman out of jams, and stuff like that," Rocky briefed us.

The series will go on network TV in January.

Graziano, a scant eight pounds over his fighting weight, doesn't think much of the present crop of middleweights. At 38 he's still "young enough" to make a comeback.

"If I wasn't making so much money, I'd go into the ring right now, ya know what I mean? With all these bums floating around it would be a cinch, ya know?" Rocky informed us.

"But I'm such a good looking guy," Rocky told us none too self-consciously. "Everybody tells me how handsome I am and I wouldn't wanta spoil it for television."

As we said, he's deadly serious about this acting stuff.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ALAMO BOXING CLUB:—Al Juergens, one-time lightweight and later a welter, has come back as a middleweight. He hammered out a bloody 10 round victory over Santiago Gutierrez, the Texas middleweight champ. Juergens tipped the beam at 154, Gutierrez 156.

Amen Peck, 152, something of a wanderer of the fistic beat, turned up in the Alamo City to whip Eloy Tellez Vann, 152, San Antonio, in eight heats. Rogelio Ruiz Sandoval, 136, decisioned Gil Tapia, 137, six rounds. Benny Castillo, 149, stopped Leo Roberson, 150, in the sixth. Bobby Gregory, 133, duked Mike Vasquez, 134, in four.

▶ Austin, Texas, Texas Youth Development Ass'n.:—Tano Serna, 128, Austin, required but three rounds to bounce out Juan "Lefty" Perez, 125, Corpus Christi, in the Capitol City headline attraction. Perez, who has been around, couldn't cope with the stiffer socking Serna.

Alejandro Lavorante, 207, Buenos Aires, continues to sparkle, and this time Benny Bowser, 186, Austin, fell before the tall Argentinian in three rounds. Carlos Navarro, 163, whacked Lester Earls, 161, into defeat in the second. Mike Vasquez, 135¾, whipped Manuel Mojica, 138¾, in the opening four.

▶ San Antonio, Texas, Alamo Boxing Club:—Frank Valdez, 128¼, San Antonio, one of the most promising youngsters in the South, was a bit too much for veteran Bobby Bell, 128½, Cleveland, and had his hand raised after 10 thrilling rounds.

Henry Miramontes, 122, Dallas, one-time Texas bantam king, got the best of Jesse Leija, 125¼, San Antonio, in the eight round semi-windup. Alejandro Lavorante, 202, Buenos Aires, belted out Sherman Goodman, 176, Houston, in two heats to continue along the unbeaten path. Gil Tapia, 136½, whipped Kenny Shields, 136, in six rounds. Bobby Gregory, 129, decisioned Pete Gutierrez, 136½, in a four round curtain raiser.

▶ Dallas, Texas, Ralph Smith:—In one of the best fights seen in Dallas this year or any other year, Buddy Turman, 181, and Dennie Fleeman, 181, battled to a furious 10 round draw. Both gave and took all the way, and had the large crowd cheering in virtually every round. It was the second meeting between the pair. Fleeman grabbed the duke in the first encounter, but met a more determined scrapper this night, and a third meeting may follow.

Alvin Green, 176, Tyler, and Sonny Moore, 188, Dallas, also battled to a draw in eight rounds. Daulton Caro, 148, whipped Doug MacLeod, 156, in four. Tod Herring, 198, Houston, decisioned Roy Crear, 176, in four. Willie Morris, 168, whipped Sonny Blue, 174, in four, and Sylvan Carlin, 128, defeated Wes Ramey, 128, over the same distance.

▶ Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Inc.:—"Big Cat" Cleve Williams, 211, kayoed Curley Lee, 181, in the tenth and final round of a nationally televised fight from the Houston Coliseum. It was one of the most vicious heavyweight battles the writer has seen in a long while. Both Williams and Lee had the bombs out of their pockets. It was amazing to see the much smaller Lee take heavy punishment and then charge in to the attack.

Williams was a well battered fighter at the finish, but a tremendous left hook finished Lee early in the tenth, and he went down as if pole axed. He never moved as the ref counted him out. Curley Lee is about the gamest fighter to ever set foot in a local ring, and made a great many friends. He came in entirely unknown as a sub for the ailing Sonny Liston, but everyone knows him now.

John "Speedy" Davidson, 129½, Houston boy who works for Western Gear, stopped the stocky Pete Herrera, 132, El Campo, in three due to a cut eye. Arliss "Ace" Blackman, 160, Houston, beat rugged Walter Moerbe, 163, El Campo, in four action filled rounds. George Price, 164½, Houston, kayoed Sherman Goodman, 172½, in three.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By DON WEINSTEIN

FORT HOOD, Texas.—Over 2,000 people sat in on the fights at Fort Hood watching thirteen exciting bouts, including four between fighters from Fort Hood and Fort Taylor, Texas. To liven the night's excitement there were two knockouts and two TKOs.

The two most exciting bouts of the evening were between Fortune Smith of U. S. Army Garrison and William Riley of the 6th Infantry, and Gil Dowling of the 17th Engineer Bn. and Sam Calmese of the 104th Engineer Bn.

In the Smith-Riley fight, Smith took an early lead by using his reach to jab his opponent off balance, then connecting with combinations to the head and stomach that staggered Riley in the first and second rounds. Riley tried to close in to use his shorter but stronger arms but could only fight in spurts and the fight was stopped in 1:35 of the third round as Riley was hanging on the hopes.

Dowling beat Calmese in a slam-bang affair that saw both fighters taking turns staggering the other with hard blows. Calmese had Dowling down for the mandatory eight count early in the first round but Dowling came up swinging to punish Calmese to the body and the head.

All three rounds had the fans cheering as the fighters never stopped the action and continued to punish each other. In the second and third rounds Dowling could not knock Calmese down but staggered him with strong rights to the head and won the fight on a close decision.

San Francisco's Frankie Carter, well known in West Coast boxing circles, poses with members of the Spangdahlem Air Base boxing team at the USAFE Boxing Training School held at Garmisch, Germany. Carter instructed officials at the clinic. Left to right are: A/1C Harley Cooper, S/Sgt. Coyt Germany, S/Sgt. Cornelius Brigando, Frankie Carter, T/Sgt. Welton Andrade, and 1st Lt. Stanley Grogan, team coach.

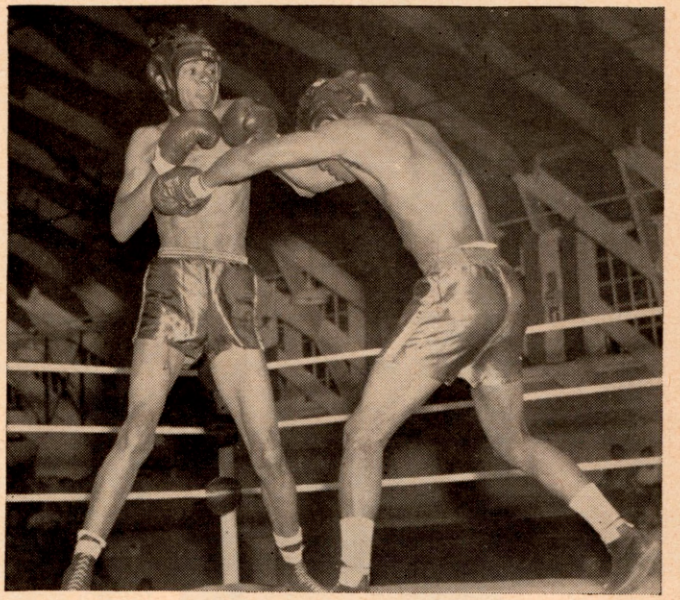
In the first fight between Fort Hood and Fort Taylor boxers, Vernell Listenbee of the 46th Eng. Bn. beat a very game, but out-classed Lawrence Oliverite of Taylor.

The second bout also went to a Fort Hood boxer as Peter Pollard of the 6th Infantry used his jab to keep the wild rushes of Fort Taylor's Tolo Silva at a minimum and successfully used a series of combinations to the head and stomach to win unanimously.

Shelton Paige of the 13th Cavalry won his fight with Paul Sanchez of Taylor by a kayo in 55 seconds of the second round in another case of a game but inexperienced fighter going against a seasoned one.

In the other Ford Hood vs. Taylor fight, Bennie Davis of Taylor took the decision from Billy Strother of the 78th Artillery. Davis, taller than Strother, kept him away and staggered him throughout all three rounds with his long left.

The other kayo came in the last bout of the evening when



Pete (Yama) Pollard (right) shoots a left to the midsection of Vernell Listenbee in an overweight match at Ft. Hood. Listenbee is the defending Fourth U. S. Army lightweight champion while Pollard is a promising welterweight.

Fernando Ramirez of the 142nd Signal Bn. flattened Albert MacNeal of the 67th Armor in the opening minute of the first round with a series of punches to the mid-section followed by a long left to the jaw.

In the other bouts, Pedro Carbrera of the 6th Infantry took the decision over Dennis Veeder of the 501st Aviation Co, James Bell of the 13th Cavalry won the nod over Willis Smith of the 6th Infantry and Milton Rabb defeated Roger Williams of the 6th Artillery.

Donald Jackson of the 13th Cavalry defeated Leroy Green of the 6th Infantry on a TKO when Green was unable to continue in the second round.

AND MORE FT. HOOD

Fort Hood, Texas.—Gilbert Dowling and Sam Calmese staged a toe-to-toe slugfest which had the crowd on its feet from start to finish in the feature light heavyweight bout of another evening of boxing at Fort Hood's Sport's Arena.

Dowling, scoring heavily with left hooks, was given the nod in a very close decision for his second straight victory of the year, both over Calmese.

In another rematch, light middleweight Billy Strother outclassed Shelton Paige for his third straight win. Strother used a very effective right to keep Paige staggering throughout the entire fight.

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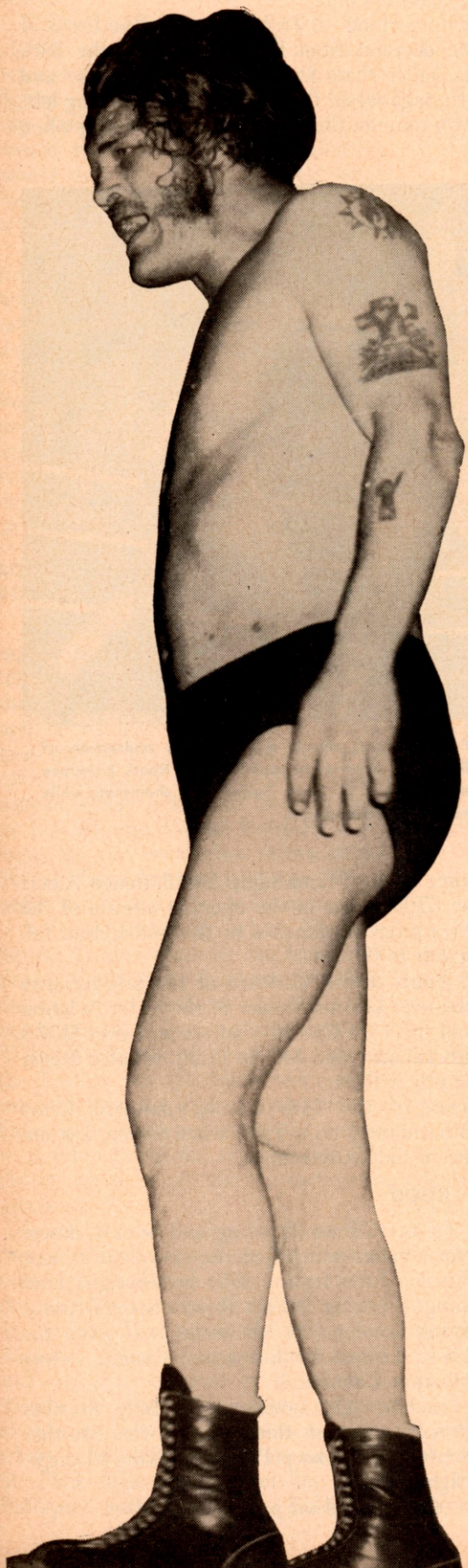
The Gangly Giant From The Western Hills Is As Tough, Mean, and Monstrous As A Mountain Lion

By EARLE YETTER

SKY HI LEE



FROM out of the rolling hills of Wyoming comes one of the most controversial wrestlers in the business today, in the person of Sky Hi Lee, who stands 6 feet 8 inches in his stocking feet and tips the Fairbanks in the vicinity of 300 pounds. Reversing the statement, "Go West, Young Man, Go West," this behemoth came East to wreck havoc and mayhem upon opponents of the professional wrestling wars of three continents, and has been ear-marked as just about as mean a cuss as has ever walked up the steps of any wrestling ring.

Some grappling periodicals list his real name as Robert Edward Lee, but his given name is Hiram. . . . Hi for short. Years ago when Lee got his first Eastern bout in Buffalo, N. Y., a sportscribe took one look at the glaring Goliath and said, "*He is not only Hi, he is Sky Hi,*" and that name stuck to Lee for the past seventeen years.

Born 35 years ago in a ranch home in Wyoming, he early developed the wanderlust. "*I always had a hankering to see what was on the other side of some of those hills out there,*" said the towering behemoth.

So, Sky Hi began his drifting at an early age. The youngster was only nine years old, when he ran away from his ranch home. He was big for his age, and he was willing to tackle any kind of job just to keep him pushing on over those hills. His early teens saw him doing odd jobs and wrangling on ranches and in lumber camps in Montana and Idaho.

In time, this sort of work became irksome and we next see him as a performer in carnival side-shows and at county fairs. People used to gaze in bewilderment as he did various stunts, including glass-eating, fire-eating and for a time he was known as "The Human Pin-Cushion." This stunt saw him sticking long needles through his cheeks and throat. Spectators used to withdraw from the tent in horror.

Sky Hi was only 18 years old, when we see him employed as a bouncer in a dine and drink emporium in East St. Louis, Illinois. Some of the rowdies he used to toss out of that bistro were real tough guys, but he always managed to handle the situation to the satisfaction of the management.

It was while he was employed there, that he met one Finas Hall, a wrestler of repute at the time. Hall used to work out in a nearby gym and Hi went along with him for kicks.

When Hi learned from Hall about the financial returns which professional wrestling offered he was all ears. Lee decided to throw in his lot with professional wrestling. He went to work to perfect his knowledge of leverage, balance and the response to reflexes.

Young Lee was an apt pupil, and it didn't take Hall very long to realize that Sky Hi was a natural wrestler in every respect. He was one of the few grapplers who came into the paid ranks without the benefit of amateur training.

From the start, Lee was a sensation, and quickly came to the attention of promoters. In the past 17 years he has had over 3,000 bouts and his opponents will agree that they have been put through the mill in their matches with him.

In his coast to coast tours, Lee has the distinction of having battled eleven former World Heavyweight Champions including Lou Thesz, Bobby Managoff, Wild Bill Longson, Joe Savoldi, Danno O'Mahoney, Jack (Babe) Sharkey, Frank Sexton, Yvon Robert, Whipper Billy Watson, Dick Hutton and the current champion, Pat O'Connor.

Against Frank Sexton in a title bout, Lee toiled an hour and 40 minutes and lost 23 pounds. He finally lost on a disqualification when he picked up the referee bodily and tossed him at Sexton. Four opponents who have given Lee the sternest opposition are Lou Thesz, Yukon Eric, Yvon Robert and Whipper Billy Watson. Recalling his bouts with Watson, the gangling former cow poke said, *"I keep thinking I have that Whipper whipped and all of a sudden I ain't."*

In the dressing room, Sky Hi is a congenial sort, ready and willing to answer your questions. But once he walks up the steps to the mat he does a complete turnabout . . . a Dr. Jekyl-Mr. Hyde character, if there ever was one.

When it is time for him to enter the ring he is assailed with assorted boos, catcalls and vitriolic epithets, but he is immune to these tactics on the part of the fans. He has but one thought in his mind . . . to get into that ring and finish his opponent in the shortest time possible.

Now, he's in his corner. It doesn't make any difference to him who his opponent is . . . they are all the same to him. The referee calls the men to the center for instructions.

He listens for a few moments. All of a sudden, Lee takes his long forefinger and jams it into his adversary's nostril. *"You mean, I can't do that to him,"* inquires the smirking big boy. His opponent is fit to be tied now, and it takes a couple of seconds to calm them both down a bit. Instructions completed, the opponent now offers his hand in a sportsmanlike gesture. Lee lifts his nose at the thought, turns and slowly ambles back to his corner awaiting the bell.

The bell clangs and the battle is on. Some of Lee's earlier opponents must have had plenty of nerve to oppose this huge figure. He approaches his opponent with outstretched arms which when lowered almost reach to his knees.

He leaves his corner for battle with well-groomed blond, whispy hair, which is beginning to be tinged with grey at the temples. In his first mix-up, the hair drops across his brow in long strands, reaching almost to his shoulders. Now, he peers at his antagonist through those hanging strands, figuring out his next maneuver. For the moment he has the appearance of a cave man.

Lee is relentless in his attack. He charges with the impact of a bull and his adversaries have to call on all of their reserve strength to offer some kind of resistance. His ceaseless forays usually end with his opponent groveling in defeat in the resin dust.

On one occasion in Montreal when he had won a match an elderly woman attacked him with a knife on the way to his dressing room. It required 23 stitches to close the gaping wound in his leg.

In Niagara Falls one night he and his tag partner Lee (Butcher-Boy) Henning were surounded by fans after a rough tag team bout. The fans threatened Sky Hi with bodily harm and surrounded him, completely barring his way to the dressing room. Hi picked up a chair and literally hacked his way to safety. Then he turned and threw the chair down the aisle toward the ring. It was a miracle that no one was hurt.

At Welland, Ontario, Canada, a ringside heckler threw a couple of punches at Lee which he returned with interest.

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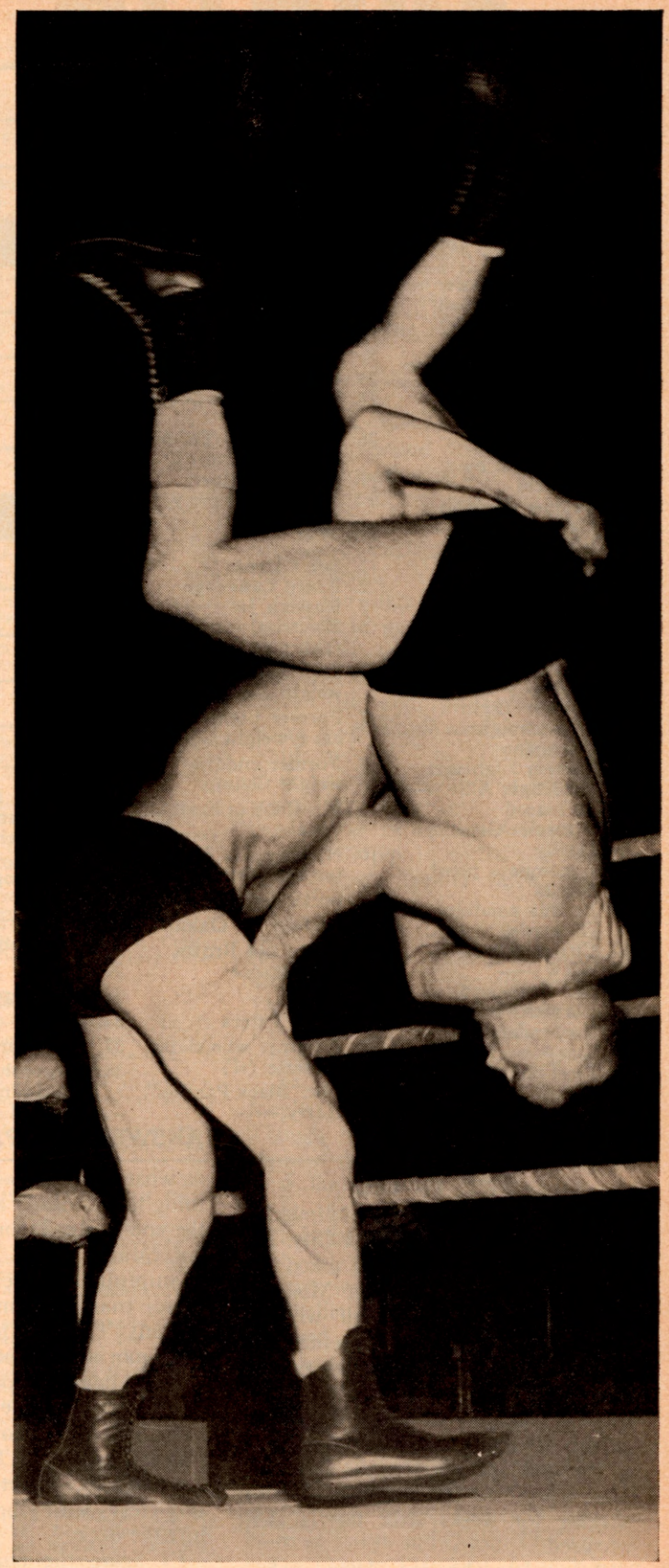
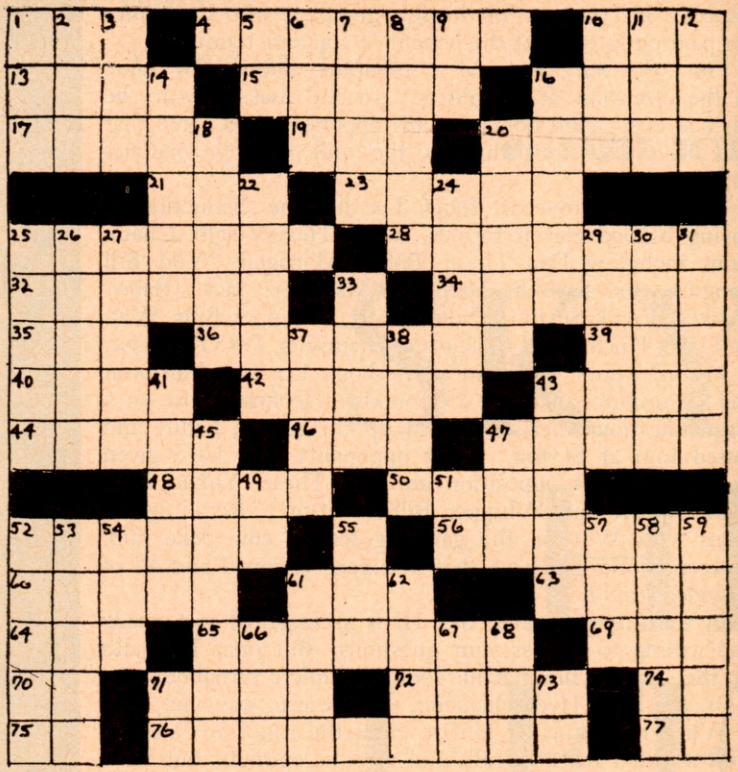


Sky Hi Lee seen lifting former world champ Dick Hutton preparatory to a resounding body slam that rendered Hutton hors de combat (Photo by Yetter)

FIGHTIN' XWORDS

By KEN RICHARDS



ACROSS

1. Braddock of Jeffries
4. Former Heavyweight Champion
10. Crack pilot
13. Former Lightheavyweight champion
14. Oriental laborer
16. Farm Implement
17. Col. Eddie ——
19. "—— and outs"
20. Flashy NY Featherweight, Carmelo ——
21. Pull
23. Not at all
25. Of the origin
28. Expressed by numbers
32. Former German Heavyweight, Walter ——
34. A kind of sheep
35. Part of a circle
36. Luther '——' White, former lgtwgt.
39. Vessel run by steam (abbrev.)
40. Former Light-Heavyweight Champion
42. Former Lightwgt challenger Allie ——
43. Increased
44. A former German Duchy
46. A compass point
47. Smells
48. In this condition (2 words)
50. City in Alaska
52. "Cow ——" San Francisco
56. Former Heavywgt Contender, 'Lee ——'
60. First name of a former Heavywgt Champ
61. Automobile Group (Initials)
63. Arabian name
54. Limb
65. Former Southpaw Lgt-hvywght Champ
69. Eagan and Sanders for instance
70. Symbol for Niton
71. Assigned job
72. 'Speedy ——', former flyweight contndr.
74. Egg (comb. form)
75. The negative pole (Abbrev.)
76. California's 'Golden Boy' (two words)
77. Combining form used in Chemistry

DOWN

1. See 4 across
2. Bantu Language
3. Russian Jet
5. Electrical current (abbrev.)
6. An Italian Lightweight Champ.
7. Former Lightheavyweight Champ.
8. Former middleweight Champ.
9. Mr. Cobb of baseball fame
10. Nettlow and McCoy for instance
11. Small bed
12. Airfield on Oahu
14. Mann and Brown for instance
16. Force
18. Short letters
20. A fighter who shows promise (sl)
22. The "Black Panther', Harry ——
24. Former French and European Middleweight champion, 'Charlie ——'
25. Grind together
26. Weird
27. "Brass ——" (sl)
29. 'The Rubber Man'
30. Bury
31. Thin ropes
33. Selves
37. American Indians
38. One of the Flanagans of St. Paul
41. Father of Jacob and Esau
43. Dropsy
45. Former Bantamweight champion
47. Former Heavyweight Challenger
49. 'That is' (Latin) (Abbrev)
51. A noun suffix
52. Mischevious act
53. Main artery
54. Type of Naval Vessel (Abbrev)
55. '——' Nelson, former lightwgt champ
57. Heavyweight challenger '——' Simon
58. Former Heavyweight Challenger from Chile
59. An antiseptic solution
61. An Aleutian Island
62. Verdi Opera
66. Time zone for NYC (Abbrev)
67. Annoy
68. Fuss
71. Chinese Pagoda
73. Atop

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SKY HI LEE

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After a bout in New York City, Promoter Joe (Toots) Mondt asked Lee out for a snack. Promoter Mondt is no shrinking violet himself when it comes to packing in the groceries. But Mondt sat in amazement as he watched Lee devour plate after plate of filet mignon topped with plenty of spinach, gallons of milk, and bowl after bowl of potatoes and other accessories. That little repast cost $90 and it left Mondt shaking for weeks after the incident occurred.

Asked how he can down such a quantity at one sitting the jovial mastadon replies, *"My food has such a long way to travel to my stomach, that by the time it gets there I'm hungry again."* On occasions when he is seeking bouts he wants the stipulation written into his contract to include his meals. But wily promoters know of his reputation for mangling steaks, chops or what have you . . . (he'll eat anything that is dead) and they insist that the contract calls for just wrestling and not eating.

Surprisingly, Lee has encountered more trouble from his lighter opponents. They are more agile and can keep moving out of harm's way. In some matches, opponents become so exasperated that they grab him by the long hair and throw him across the ring from one post to another. When this happens his feet strike first and the ring creaks with vibration as his weight hits the deck.

"I figure the fans have paid their price to see me in that ring, and if I can't give them a full return for their money with no rainchecks, then I haven't done a good job. If they like my wrestling o. k., but if they don't like it, that's just too bad, they'll just have to grin and bear it. Wrestlers have no business in the ring if they don't intend to absorb their share of bumps and bruises. I ask no quarter and when I am in there I give none." That is the philosophy of this gangling troubador of the wrestling wars.

In one year of travel Lee can actually burn up a motor car. He drives over 100,000 miles a year and if he has to reach a date in a hurry, he jumps into his Beechcraft plane and is on the way. Sky Hi will always be remembered by wrestling devotees, because he goes into the ring to give them thrills.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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In heavyweight action, Billy Smith decisioned Buck Jones in a fight that could have gone either way. Smith used a damaging left hook in the first half of the fight to score heavily while Jones came on strong in the latter stages of the fight to connect with combinations to the head.

RATINGS

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Bernie Raines, 5. Carl Hubbard kayoed Willie Stevenson, 10. Roberto Pena defeated Tony DiBiase, 8. Obdulio Nunez stopped Tony DeCola, 3. Jimmy Walters outscored Bobby Brown, 10.

Ramon Gomez kayoed Takao Maemizo, 1. Jimmy McCoy stopped Johnny Osborne, 6. Bobby Bartels defeated Johnny Gorman, 6. Lem Miller kayoed Dan Santiago, 2. Jimmy Connors kayoed Paul Harvey, 2. Tito Despaigne stopped Louis Silvera, 4.

Ronnie Cohen halted Ronnie Porambo, 4, and Bruce Fletcher, 2. Jaconias Amorin and Luis Carlos dos Santos drew, 8. Art Garcia halted Benny Walker, 6. Willie Moran defeated Leroy Emerson, 8. Flash Gordon defeated Cyclone Kid, 10. Juan Padilla bested Ubaldo Ramires, 10.

Rocky Rivero kayoed Bernardo Romero, 2. Dom Prestone kayoed Verl Carr, 2. Carlos Macias whipped Paco Castro, 10. Joey Durelle stopped Bobby Speight, 2.

Moses Cooper scored over George Sullivan, 6. Joe Gonzales beat Julie Jamison, 6. Lloyd Wilson stopped Rafael Gutierrez, 2. George Santiago beat Russ Davis, 6. Manuel Favela kayoed Pancho Hernandez, 2.

Juan Hermandez kayoed Chico Torres, 2. Ramon Paz drew with Juan Carlos Velardes, 10. Antonio Marcilla halted Guido Picone, 6, and Bobby Brooks, 5. Jim Mohr whipped Bob Williams, 6. Jimmy Watkins whipped Mel Collins, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

L. C. Morgan kayoed Damaso Collazo, 10. Jimmy Carter halted Kildo Nunez, 4. Cesar Orta whipped Alexis Garcia, 10.

Doug Vaillant and Carlos Hernandez drew, 10. Santiago Ramirez whipped J. D. Ellis, 10. Teruo Kozaka beat Tommy Romulo, 10. Diwaldo Ventosa beat Isaac Espinosa, 8.

Carmie Price stopped Eddie Baker, 3. Mercer Smith whipped Al Scalzo, 6. Fred Galiana kayoed Robert DiMartino, 8. Jimmy McMillan defeated Dave Coventry, 6.

Billy Martin and Aaron Lancman drew, 6. Marcelino Gonzalez whipped Eliseo Aguilera, 6. Rudy Cables defeated Jimmy Walker, 6.

Jamie Gine defeated Miguel Pendola, 10.

Alfredo Urbina halted Alfredo Nevarez, 6.

Mauro Vazquez kayoed Chico Medina, 4. Larry Boardman stopped Iggy Maldonado, 5.

Ben Medina stopped Pady DeMarco, 7.

Mario Vecchiato awarded vacant European title when Lahouari Godih was disqualified for "irregular boxing", 8.

Nick Previti bested Tommy Garrow, 10 (twice) and stopped Lionel Butler, 4. Hilario Morales stopped Art Ramponi, 7.

Vicente Rivas defeated Angel Garcia, 10. Baby Vasquez outscored Angel Guerrero, 10. Dick DiVeronica outscored Tommy Tibbs, 10. Gene Gresham stopped Joey Reynolds, 4.

George Bracken regained Australian title by beating David Oved, 15. Chico Rollins stopped Johnny Melendez, 1, and Steve Haywood, 6. Jesus Rodriguez beat Fidel Lucero, 12, but lost to Cosme Maldonado, 10. Jorge Quintero whipped Rodolfo Francis, 10. Antonio Gutierrez defeated Luis Gonzalez, 10. Sid Adams kayoed Jethro Cason, 2.

Javellana Kid stopped Henry Salcedo, 3. Alex Arenas stopped Chucho Mejia, 3. Norm Smith defeated George Ross, 8. Baby Gutierrez whipped Manuel Jimenez, 10.

Reyes Lopez beat Jabio Carranza, 10. Gary Cowburn outfought Stan Hayward, 12. Hector Garcia won over Raul Anchondo, 10. Winnie Rebolado defeated Pat Lakandula, 10. Ruben Valladares kayoed Marino Gonzalez, 1. Juan Campos drew with Nicolino Loche, 10, and Richardo Jofre, 10.

Ruben Cadena whipped Jesus Celes, 10. Fidencio Ramirez upset Kid Roma, 10. Carlos Rodriguez whipped Ovidio Almeida, 8. Henry Ferguson defeated Ike Vaughn, 10. Sammy Borja stopped Tenejeros Boy, 8.

Tony Lopez kayoed Kid Filipino, 3. Ceasar Barrow kayoed Kid Chocolate, 2. Rogelio Andre drew with Elio Ripoll, 10, and Humberto Barbatto, 10. Jorge Schaffini halted Tony Sanchez, 6, but was kayoed by Roberto Ortego, 4.

Manuel Alvarez drew with Pedro Benelli, 10. Johnny DePeiza outscored James Harper, 10. Boland Abrams bested Leroy Tucker, 6. John Bizzarro defeated Ray Trotter, 6.

Bernie Gordon won over Ruben Santana, 6, and Tony Santana, 6. Tony Maldonado stopped Oscar Hart, 3. Joe Figuero defeated Eddie Antonetti, 6. Bobby McEwan defeated Cecil Barbosa, 6. Bobby Chabot won from Dick DeVola, 6.

Don Chestra whipped Zeke Lucero, 6. Vic Diamond won over Ed Henderson, 6. Marcelino Vargas won from Juan Valles, 6. Frank Elias kayoed Spud Peroddy, 4. Al Simmons whipped Willie Cooper, 6. Rogelio Sandoval beat Gil Tapia, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Orlando Castillo outscored Bobby Cervantes, 10. David Rodriguez whipped Kid Irapuato, 10. Norm Kuka defeated Jim Harris, 6.

Glauco Ferreiro kayoed Luis Regueira, 3. Jose Napoles defeated Cristobol Gonzalez, 6.

Champion Davey Moore battered Bobby Neill to a knock out, 1, (non-title).

European champion Gracieux Lamperti kayoed Jose Cadalso, 3.

Ike Chestnut and Sugar Ramos battled to a draw, 10. Giordano Campari defeated Manolo Garcia, 10.

Ricardo Moreno kayoed Luis Sanchez, 3. Alfredo Bunetta won over Roberto Lobos, 10.

Felix Cervantes defeated Kid Anahuac, 10. Pierre Cossemyns spoiled the comeback of Cherif Hamia beating him, 10. Tony Padron won the Venezuelan title by defeating Victor (Sonny) Leon on a disqualification in 7. Indio Conde kayoed Nacho Dominguez, 8. Juanito Ramirez stopped Rudy Coronado, 9.

Lauro Garcia stopped Jose Lomeli, 5. Chachorro Meza stopped Leonel Perez, 4. Aldo Gamboa kayoed Pedro Miranda, 9. Raul Reyes stopped bantam Jorge Salazar, 7. Perro Hermandez kayoed Baby Rodriguez, 2.

Tono Ortiz won from Jose Galvan, 10. Frankie Valdez outpointed Bobby Bell, 10. Amorindo Amiouzzi and Julio Palavechino, drew, 10. Gildo Vargas defeated Pollero Garcia, 10. Tito Marshall won from Valentin Brown, 10.

Les McLean stopped by bantamweight Johnny Jarrett, 5. Gallito Reyes defeated Coneja Hernandez, 12. Sebastiao Nacimiento kayoed Oripes dos Santos, 8, dos Santos had drawn with Dionisio Gauto, 10, who has beaten Mario dos Santos, 10. David Floyd demolished Bruce Shelley, 4.

Tano Serna kayoed Juan Perez, 3. Sebastiao Raimundo defeated Victor Sanchez, 8. Young Terror won from Jet Bally, 10. Roberto Landa bested Carlos Celis, 10, they then drew, 10. Eloy Henry stopped Jose Perez, 5, and Stanley Wilson, 2.

Pablo Caripides defeated Hector Rodriguez, 6. Carmelo Acevedo defeated Lou Quiriano, 6. Andres Allen whipped Kid Evans, 6. Juanito Sanchez kayoed Chamaco Figueroa, 6. Jose Gondola scored over Sammy Medina, 6. Indio Ramos stopped Hector Ramirez, 4.

George Reiter kayoed Bobby Harrison, 4. Eddie Whitaker kayoed Rufus Holiday, 2. Bert Reyes bested Joe Quinn, 6. Tommy Haden stopped Ray Connors, 3. Jorge Gonzalez kayoed Jesus Martinez, 1, and Chuchu Garcia, 1.

Hector Rodriguez won from Ray Estepa, 6. Gustavo Ohm kayoed Pedro Rodriguez, 1. Henry Miramontes whipped Jesse Lejia, 8.

Teddy Rand defeated Jess Baeza, 6. Collier Cox whipped Memo Derante, 6. Enrique Perea whipped Roy Best, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Leo Espinosa outscored Hiroshi Oda, 12. Baby Brown whipped Fernando Soto, 10. Felix Gutierrez defeated Kiki Casanova, 10, Kiki also lost to Ignacio Perez, 8.

Victor Recio whipped Jorge Nunez, 8. Chuck Tanner kayoed Larry Silva, 1. Henry Hitchman beat William Roncourt.

World Champion Joe Becerra halted Walt Ingram, 9, (non-title) and Ingram died two days later.

British Empire champion Freddie Gilroy won the European title outpointing Pierro Rollo, 15.

Jose Lopez outscored Cain Rogero, 10, and kayoed Gallito Reyes, 2. Ernesto Miranda defeated Kimpo Amarfio, 10, and halted Santos Seoane, 5, and Roberto Tartari, 6.

Herman Marques outscored Baby Brown, 10.

Melvin Bourne outscored Fernando Gomez, 10. Boots Monroe halted Ward Yee, 9.

Bert Gonzales outscored Al Reyes, 10. Tuntun Torres stopped Ismael Gutierrez, 3. Jorge Salazar edged out Raul Leanos, 10 Angel Coronado whipped Roberto Mar, 10.

Benny Casing kayoed Baby Rios, 2. Johnny Devision won the vacant Canadian bantam title beating Marcel Gendron, 12. Jesus Moron beat Mario Ortega, 10. Gustavo Sosa won over Ernesto Castaneda, 10, and kayoed Nicolas Flores, 3.

Australian Champion Johnny Jarrett stopped featherweight Les McLean, 5. Ernesto Barrera kayoed flyweight Sal Melendez, 9. Panchito Saldivar scored over Bernardo de la Cruz, 10, and Torito Lugo, 10.

Joe Vargas kayoed Mike Rios, 6, and Al Carroll, 8. Chamaco Perez halted Chaparro DeLeon, 3, but lost to Sabino Mendez, 10. Alberto Martinez and Kid Sandoval drew, 10. Roberto Lopez won from Gonzalo Galan, 10. Bernardo Perez won over Miguel Diaz, 10.

Frankie Silvia drew with Fidel Cruz, 8. Fidel bested Tibico Torres, 10. Carlos Solis stopped Jose Pena, 2. Chamaco Jimenez kayoed Fidel Salcedo, 5. Cesar Sanchez whipped Pico Campo, 6.

Pepino Morales whipped Joey Augustine, 6. Julio Viana kayoed Pablo Gonzalez, 3. Felix Padilla stopped Kid San Martin, 7.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Pascual Perez retained his title by kayoing Sadao Yaoita, 13.

Ramon Arias outpointed Larry Pineda, 10, Larry defeated Nelson Estrada, 10, while Nelson beat Orlando Reyes, 10. Salvatore Burruni stopped Juanito Cid, 9.

Dommy Ursua kayoed Chuy Miranda, 3, stopped Ray Perez, 6. Carlos Rodriguez whipped Jose Palma, 10. Juan Romo won from Walter Gallegos, 10.

Baby Tinajero whipped Ramon Sanchez, 10. Carlos Miranda defeated Giacomo Spano, 10. Torito Mota defeated Miguel Ulloa, 10, and Roberto Mar, 10, while Miguel won from Jorge Herrera, 10.

Jupiter Mansilla defeated Hurbieta Sosa, 10, kayoed Jose Palma, 10. Mario Ortega and Gaby Beltran, drew 10. Jean Guerard defeated Angelo Rampin, 10.

Sal Melendez was stopped by Ernesto Barrera, 9. Dometrio Carabajel kayoed Louis Salvatierra, 6.

PEREZ KAYOES YAOITA

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from the number of hard blows he was forced to take to something he didn't have to do in his prime. But like Moore, Pascual does his best when hard pressed.

On the official score cards Referee Juan Notari gave Perez 118 points to 112 for his opponent on a ten points must system. He had eight rounds for Perez with two for Yaoita and two even. Judge Kuniharu Hayashi had the points even, 117 to 117. He awarded three rounds to each boxer and had six rounds even.

My score card showed Perez ahead 115 to 113 points, with Perez winning eight rounds, Yaoita three and one even.

Refere Notari turned in a good job, though the fans objected to the speed with which he broke the infighting. Three times he warned Yaoita for butting and once cautioned Perez for hitting a blow below the belt line.

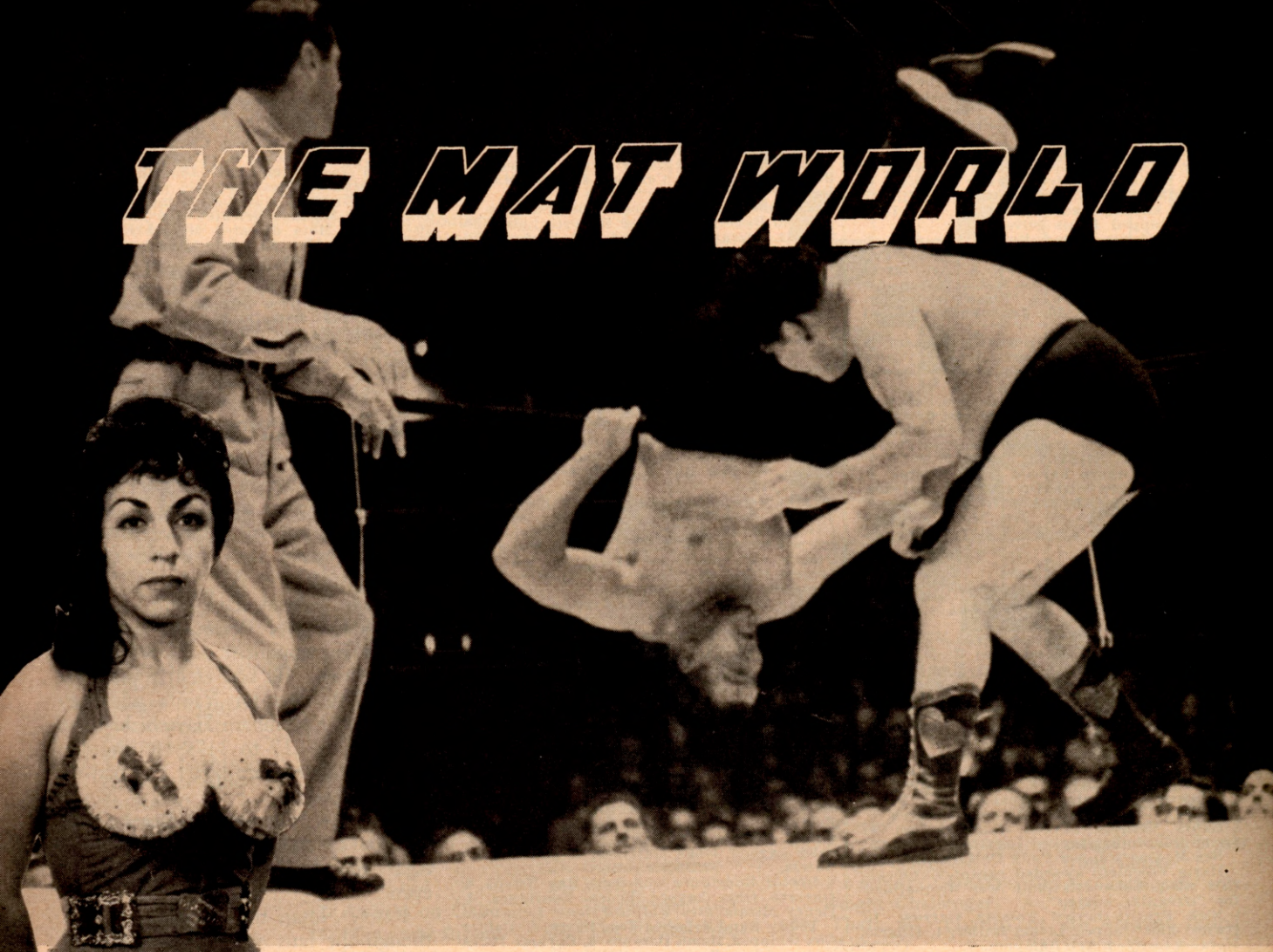
Though a bloody affair, it was cleanly fought despite the few cautions. Though several rooting sections with banners flying were out to cheer the local boy home a victor, they gave Perez the applause due a champion both before and after his knockout victory.

Perez weighed in at 107 pounds and his challenge at 112. Yaoita, a tall, lean lad, had an advantage both in weight and height and two inches in reach that came in handy in the first three rounds in which his long jabs reddened Perez's face.

Promoter Takashi Tsukahara did an excellent job in handling the affair. He stages both professional and amateur bouts in Tokyo and Osaka. Through the aid of George Parnassus, he will bring several top Americans, including Becerra, Davey Moore, Nacho Escalante and Ramon Calatayud to Tokyo.

Parnassus will make an exchange by importing Hiroshi Oda, bantamweight, Koji Ishibashi, champon of the division, Kazuo Takayama, feather king and Keiichi Ishikawa, lightweight title holder.

THE MAT WORLD



Above we see Dick the Bruiser getting the heave ho from Miguel Perez seconds before the pin was counted. Left: The curvacious Arizona women's champion, Carmine Scorpien, a five feet one inch, 129 pound brunette with crowd pleasing action. She plans an invasion of Alaska in the near future.

By NAT LOUBET

FAN CLUB CORNER

FROM 1840 Papineau, Ville Jacque Cartier, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the president of the Sweet Daddy Siki FC pens a note informing all within reading distance that they are welcome to join her clan.

Joan Stuff of the Magnificent Miller Brothers FC sends along word that their West Virginia branch has been discontinued and that any membsrs of that artery can receive a year's free membership to the Joan Stuff HQ by writing to 914 Belmont Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.

Violet Reuther, remembered for her role with the Aldo Venturi Fan Club is starting a new coffee klotch for Ricki Starr . . . anyone interested in joining, address themselves to 55 Homestead Place, New Rochelle, New York.

Arlene Edwards, prexy of the Antonino Rocca FC, would like to have it made clear that she at no time was heading up a club for Ronnie Etchison.

A new Fan Club has been started by Ruth Bruce for Dick Beyer and those interested can contact her at RD 2, Oswego, New York.

Al "Golden Boy" Kashey has an enterprising president who is anxious to increase her club members. She is Darlene Schostag of 129 N. 30th Drive., Phoenix, Arizona.

The Brehaut Brothers have an FC headed up by none other than Dave McCalley of 394 North Avenue, New Rochelle, New York.

Only six months old but progressing at a fast clip is a club for the Graham Brothers (Jerry is still wrestling, Eddie has gone into business). Head gal is Carol A. Troxell of 217 Belview Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Dear Nat Loubet:

I thought I would write and thank you for the wonderful job you're doing in the wrestling section.

Our club has received many members by your listing our club in the fan club corner.

We celebrated the club's first anniversary in August which was quite successful.

Our members from all parts of Tenn. and Ky., also Georgia came. The turn-out was better than I expected. At the present time, Tex and Len are wrestling in Indiana and Kentucky a lot.

Killer Kowalski has returned here and defeated all his opponents.

We would appreciate it if you would list our club again in the Fan Club Corner. Keep up the good work.

Miss Pat Bartlett
Riley-Rossi F. C.
President

POPULARITY POLL

Men:	Women:
1. Antonino Rocca	1. June Byers (Champ)
2. Johnny Valentine	2. Kay Noble
3. The Amazing Zuma	3. Nell Stewart
4. Count Billy Varga	4. Judy Grable
5. Ricki Starr	5. Jane Mull
6. Duke Keomuka	6. Fran Korvette
7. Don Curtis and Mark Lewin (Tag Team)	7. Penny Banner
8. The Gallagher Brothers (Tag Team)	8. Olga Zepeda
9. Jerry Graham	9. Princess Moolah (Champ)
10. "Cowboy" Bob Ellis	10. Rita Cortez

THE RED McKIM STORY

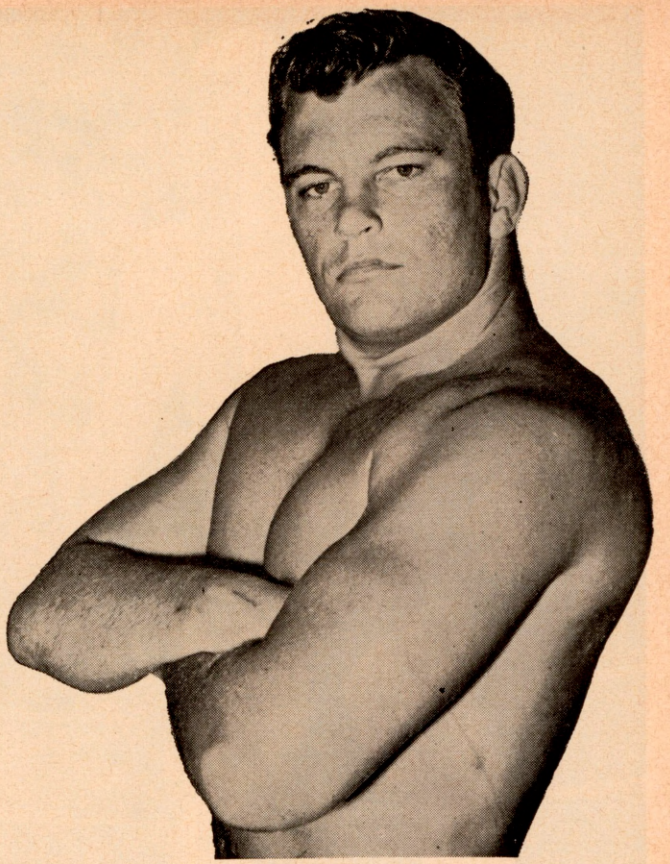
By Diane Devine

One of the most popular wrestlers to grace the mat is a brilliant Irishman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, by the name of Red McKim.

Red was born in 1935. He stands 5 ft. 9 in. tall and tips the scales at 210 pounds. He is one of the top junior heavyweights in the country and is rated in this area as the top contender for this title.

In high school and college, Red wrestled and played football. In addition to wrestling, he was a semi-pro football player in Tulsa. Red did not become a wrestler for the fame or money, it was simply because *"I love wrestling."*

Paris, France, the fearsome foursome! Leading grapplers in France show off their wrestling technique and the costumes they wear in the ring; left to right—Borreau de Bethune, Quasimodo, Superman, and Nicholas Zigoulinoff.



George Drake, five feet eleven, 224 pounder, born on Catalina Island, California, who has just returned from Hawaii and is on his way to Calgary, Canada.

He believes that you have to love your work in order to be good at it. I believe that this is true because Red has certainly done very well since turning professional in 1953. He has wrestled in about every state in the Union, plus Canada and Mexico.

He is still active in all sports. For relaxation Red enjoys swimming and water-skiing. He also loves to hunt and fish. is a member of the Y.M.C.A. and also a member of the Tulsa weight-lifting club. Red has a gym in his home; he loves music and picks dixie land jazz and the blues as his favorite. He also enjoys Chinese and Italian foods and his favorite colors are blue, black, brown, charcoal, and green.

McKim has come a long way in only a few short years. It could be very possible that one day real soon Red will walk out of an arena with a big smile on his face—for you see—he will be the Junior Heavyweight Champion of the World!

CALIFORNIA

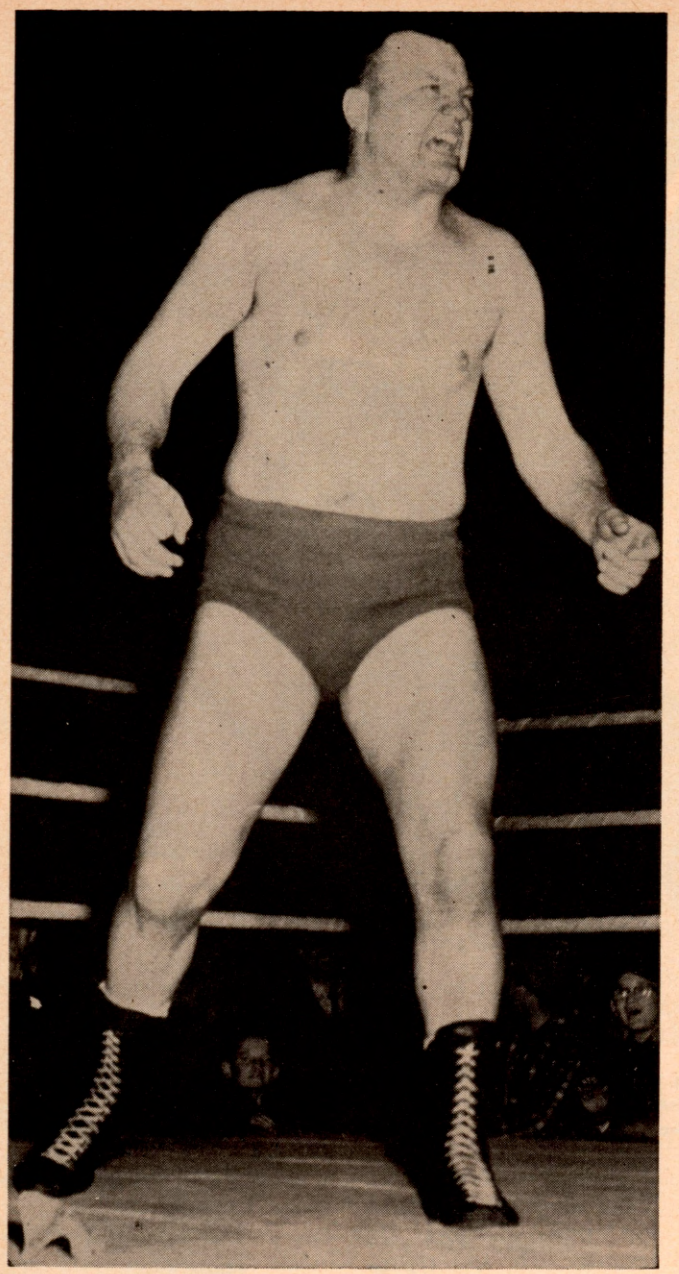
By Frank Mott

Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles:

In the special Off-TV main event, Argentina Rocca dropped in to town long enough to notch a straight fall win over one-half of the Kangaroos, Roy Heffernan. The TV-main go saw flashy Eduardo Carpentier pin Legs Wilson in short time.

Other events on the card saw: Hardy Kruskamp and Enrique Romero go to a draw, El Santo over the Black Shadow and, in the semi, Art Nelson and Al Torres brawled their way to a draw in a brutal match.

San Bernardino, Calif.: Mighty Joe, huge heavyweight, held Count Billy Vaga to a draw. Billy claims that he would have beaten Joe if it were not for the referee, Sandor Szabo. He is now demanding a match with Szabo. Promoter Roy Warner is doing his best to make the match.



Gene Kiniski of Edmonton, Canada, a former Arizona U football star seen being showered with popcorn and peanuts by irate fans in Niagara Falls. Rough and tough Gene fears none and says: "I'll take on anyone in the world."

NEWS AND VIEWS

By Don Jordan

Rito Romero and Luis Martinez are teaming in the East. . . . Al Albertino is being billed as Eddie Faieta in New York. . . . A recent Johnny Valentine vs. Chief Big Heart match ended in a riot at New Haven. Valentine is teaming with Doctor Jerry Graham while Big Heart recently returned from Canada. . . . Eddie Gosette, who is often billed as Eddie Graham, is recovering in Miami Beach from 4 broken ribs that he suffered in a match against Haystack Calhoun. Gosette is promoting matches throughout the state of Florida.

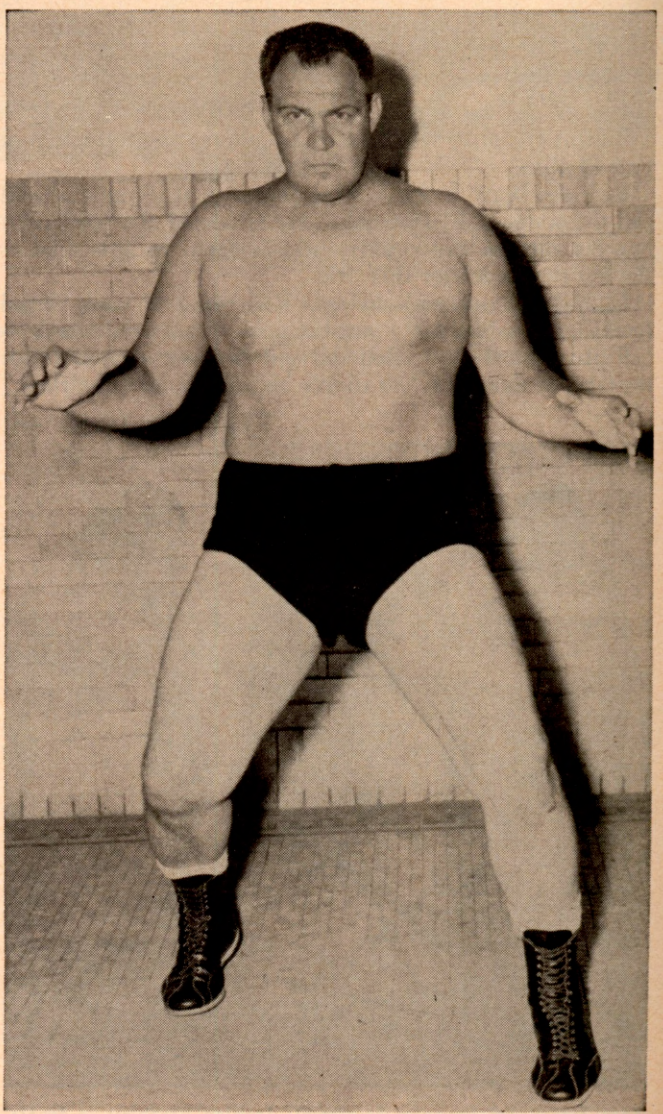
Bearcat Wright, who has been thrilling crowds in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, recently made his Washington, D. C. debut. Wright wants a rematch against Johnny Valentine of their main event at West Hempstead, N. Y. . . . The Island Garden at West Hempstead, which originally seated 4,000 fans, is now able to accommodate 9,000 customers. . . . Antonino Rocca defeated the Amazing Zuma at Newark, N. J. before 10,000 fans. Rocca recently returned from California where he met Billy Varga, Mike Sharpe, Roy Heffernan, Al Costello, Wild Red Berry, and others. . . . Paul DeGalles has switched from bleached to red hair. . . . Tommy Bradley, who is also billed as Nature Boy Bradley, has returned to the East. . . . Antonino Rocca, the Amazing Zuma, Jerry Graham, Miguel Perez, and Luis Martinez have returned to the East from Puerto Rico.

Matches from New York City, Bridgeport, Washington, D. C., Cleveland, and Los Angeles are teeveed in New York City. . . . Iron Mike Mazurki played the part of a gangster in a recent Milton Berle teevee show. . . . Larry Moquin has returned to New York City. . . . Slave Girl Moolah and Judy Grable have also returned to the East.

Chet Wallick, who is rasslin' in the East, has a brother Leo who is active in wrestling. . . . Bearcat Wright and Haystack Calhoun are teaming in New York City.

A newcomer to the scene is Carlo Milano of Hoboken, N. J. . . . Ricki Starr and Wilbur Snyder are headed for Los Angeles. . . . Joe Christie is being billed as Pierre Valois in the East. Killer Joe is teaming with Frank Valois. . . . Fred Curry, better known as Bull Curry, has returned to the East from Texas.

Curry is again teaming with the Arabian Sheik. . . . Rocky Colombo has come to the East from Texas. . . . Antonino Rocca and Miguel Perez are unbeaten in over 200 tag matches. . . . There hasn't been a crowd of under 8,000 fans at a Madison Square Garden wrestling show within



350 pounds of mayhem stacked on to a six feet six inch frame with a 23 inch neck and 60 inch chest . . . wanta play with him? He hails from Philadelphia, Pa. and his name is Pete Petroski.

Steve Stanlee at a party given for orphanage children in Columbus, Ohio. As you can see there are gentler sides to these men of fury and they're pretty good citizens. Photo by Ruby Burns.

the past 3 years. . . . Wildman Jackie Fargo and Wildman Don Stevens, who are sometimes billed as the Fargo brothers, have left the East for Chicago.

Chief Big Heart is looking for another Injun tag partner. In the past he has teamed with Don Eagle, Chief Kit Fox, and Chief Little Eagle. . . . The NWA Heavy Tag Title is presently held by Ben and Mike Sharpe. . . . Wrestling in northern California are Roy Heffernan, Al Costello, Ben and Mike Sharpe, Hombre Montana, Suni War Cloud, and other East Coast favorites. Wrestling in southern California are such East Coast favorites as Edouard Carpentier, Al Torres, Billy Darnell, and Lou Thesz. . . . Ronnie Etchison, the number 2 man in northern California rings, has challenged Antonino Rocca to a match.

George Wagner, better known as Gorgeous George, has come eastward after a record breaking tour of northern California rings. . . . Fritz von Erich recently defeated Bobo Brazil in an upstate New York match. . . . Dick Beyer was suspended by the New York State Athletic Commission for his actions in a Rochester ring.

Wally Sieber, a protege of Whipper Billy Watson, is being billed as Waldo von Erich. . . . Many wrestlers appearing in the Boston area are also showing in Cleveland. . . . Johnny Doyle, who promotes in Boston, also stages shows in Detroit and Milwaukee. . . . Bobo Brazil wants to team with Lord Athol Layton. . . . Walt Kowalski, often billed as Killer Kowalski, has been appearing in Montreal and Detroit in addition to his East Coast matches. . . . Wrestling in Boston are Dick Afflis, Verne Gagne, Wilbur Snyder, Reggie Lisowski, Hans Schmidt, Ilio DiPaolo, Pat and Mike Gallagher, Fritz von Erich, Wally Sieber, Baron Richard Gattoni, Ed and Dan Miller, Sandor Kovacs, Lenny Montana, to name a few. . . . Killer Reggie Lisowski and Stan Lisowski are appearing in single matches. . . . My address is 31 Beacon Street, Malverne, New York.

TEXAS RASSLIN'

By *Texas Bob Utter*

Big "H" Promoter Morris Sigel staged an all championship card at the Sam Houston Coliseum recently with every match on the program being for a title.

Heavyweight king Pat O'Connor headlined the star-studded production againts Killer Kowalski but could only salvage a draw after almost an hour of rugged action before a packed house.

The Killer won the first frame in 13:50 with O'Connor taking second honors in 4:57. Both men were counted out while battling on the outside of the ring. The third man was Otto Kuss.

Texas Heavyweight Champion Nick Kozak successfully defended his crown against Mike di Biase while Danny McShane put his Brass Knucks belt on the line against Tony Angelo and emerged victorious.

World's Tag Team Champions Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto lost by disqualification to Pepper Gomez and Enrique Guzman but their title remained intact since a champion cannot lose his crown by the disqualification route.

The only new champion crowned on the card was Silento Rodriquez' win over Jerry Kozak for the Texas Junior Heavyweight belt.

In bouts the previous week, Gomez downed Keomuka; Nick Kozak and Moto were both disqualified; McShane trounced Rodriquez; Prince Maiava beat Ivan the Terrible with George (Zebra Kid) Bollas going over Pedro Godoy.

DALLAS, TEX., Ed McLemore, promoter.

Pat O'Connor paid a visit to the Sportatorium to face Mike di Biase with a stalemate resulting after a bitter struggle. Action went the full 90 minutes.

A special event melee saw Danny McShane defeat Nick Kozak; Pepper Gomez and Mr. Moto were both disqualified; George Curtis over Yaqui Bravo; Alex Perez defeated Jack Laskin.

Seven days prior to the O'Connor-di Biase battle, di Biase and Pepper Gomez battled to a standstill with di Biase being declared the winner. He refused to take the bout as a drop kick aimed at him by Gomez struck low causing a disqualification by Referee Marvin Jones.

Preliminary action saw Nick Kozak go over Duke Keomuka; Moto over Ivan the Terrible; George Curtis defeated Danny McShane by disqualification; Silento Rodriquez and Angelo Martinelli battled to a draw.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Pinky George, promoter.

Mat King Pat O'Connor and Pepper Gomez went to a draw as the top attraction on Pinky George's show staged at the Municipal Auditorium.

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

IT was only to be expected that at some time or another in his adventurous career, which ended recently at the age of 72 in California, Victor McLaglen would have taken a fling or two at prizefighting.

Not even the elastic imagination of a Jack London could have stretched far enough to envision a more swashbuckling, ubiquitious character in fiction than was McLaglen in real life. Born in England, the mastadonic son of a Scottish clergyman, Vic didn't miss much excitement in this man's world before he finally curbed his restlessness sufficiently to settle down as a member of the Hollywood motion picture colony.

McLaglen's perambulations began when, as a youngster of 14, he falsified his age and enlisted in the British Army for service in the Boer War in South Africa. Next he emigrated to Canada, prospected for silver and gold, tried his luck as a boxer, became a circus strong man and wrestler and a member of the Winnipeg police department. With the wanderlust still urging him on, he ambled to India, then down the African east coast from Mombasa to Cape Town. He was in South Africa when World War 1 exploded. He promptly reenlisted in the British Army and saw action in Messopotamia. Upon his discharge, he remained in Messopotamia for a couple of years, serving as chief of police. Eventually his ramblings carried him to Hollywood and a cinema career.

So far as McLaglen's fistic ventures were concerned, his best known performance was to go the six-round no-decision route with Jack Johnson in Canadian Pacific port of Vancouver. That was in March, 1909, when Johnson returned from Australia after relieving Tommy Burns of the world heavyweight title.

Details of the Johnson-McLaglen episode are somewhat vague, but as we recall the story, the champion, in need of quick, ready cash, suggested the Vancouver engagement. Vic was a logical opponent for the occasion. Managed by Biddy Bishop, McLaglen had established something of a reputation as a fighter in a few bouts in the Seattle-Tacoma area, and it was felt that his size and strength—he measured 6 feet, 3 inches and scaled a solid 220 pounds—would make him a formidable opponent for the champion.

COLLECTED A BROKEN NOSE

As it happened, size and strength by themselves were not enough for McLaglen. Johnson, one of the ring's all-time greats, toyed with Vic. Along with a boxing lesson, McLaglen collected a shattered nose and that discouraged his fistic ambitions for a while.

Ten years later, in England, McLaglen was prevailed upon to give the ring another try. Some London sportsmen, convinced that Vic had championship possibilities, organized a syndicate to sponsor him in a title bid. McLaglen was then 32, a rather advanced age for a fighter in those days. Whatever hopes and aspirations he and his backers may have had were quickly exploded. Vic was knocked out by Frank Goddard in the third round at the National Sporting Club.

That, so far as we know, was the end of Victor McLaglen's pugilistic efforts.

Two of Vic's equally big, strong and adventurous brothers, Arthur and Fred, also tried their luck in the ring but the results were anything but inspiring. Arthur called it a career after John Willie knocked him out in a hurry in Chicago. Fred adopted the *nom de ring* "Fred McKay" and became notorious as probably the worst—or one of the worst—of that strange conglomeration of human confusion parading around as heavyweight prizefighters during the weird "White Hope Era."

New Yorkers had quite a few peeks at McKay, and usually they were of his large carcass in what became a familiar horizontal position. Whether he couldn't, or wouldn't, "take" a punch, Fred was knocked out so often it was a startling moral victory for him when he went the scheduled route with an opponent. We do recall that he lasted ten rounds once with Battling Levinsky and again with Arthur Pelkey, but they were exceptional cases. We haven't a complete score of the many times Fred McKay was flattened, but among the perpetrators were Carl Morris, Gunboat Smith, Al Reich, Jim Coffey, Dan Daily and George (Boer) Rodel.

A dismal failure in the ring, Fred McKay, nee McLaglen, died a hero's death during World War 1. Serving with the Australian forces, he was cited several times for valor against the Turks, and was killed in action in the ill-fated campaign at Gallipoli.

AROUND THE RING

We doubt if there's any member of the trade these days who knows more about matching preliminary fighters than Duke Stefano. Although he's on the payroll as assistant to Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Madison Square Garden officials don't interfere with Stefano's outside activities, and the Duke of Weehawken is frequently sought by small-club operators, particularly in New Jersey, to help them arrange their cards. We caught one of them recently in Trenton—the first fight show staged in the Jersey capital in several years—and it's been many a moon since we've seen so much exciting action packed into one program. Incidentally, the show, staged in Moose Hall, drew a sellout crowd of 1,100, with two or three hundred others unable to gain admittance. The promoter, veteran manager and gym operator, John Milito, was so enthused with developments that he plans to move into the large Armory for future shows, and try to operate on a monthly basis.

Speaking of Jersey boxing, George (Korn) Kobb also is back in business in Elizabeth, which also has been off the boxing map for quite a spell. Kobb has booked his first card for Elks Hall, and if it produces anywhere near the success that attended Trenton's re-opener, George also has an Armory available for future promotions.

Incidentally, with boxing in *Moose* Hall in Trenton and *Elks* Hall in Elizabeth, we trust we'll be pardoned for suggesting that any summary of boxing developments in New Jersey in 1959 could be labelled "Who's Zoo."

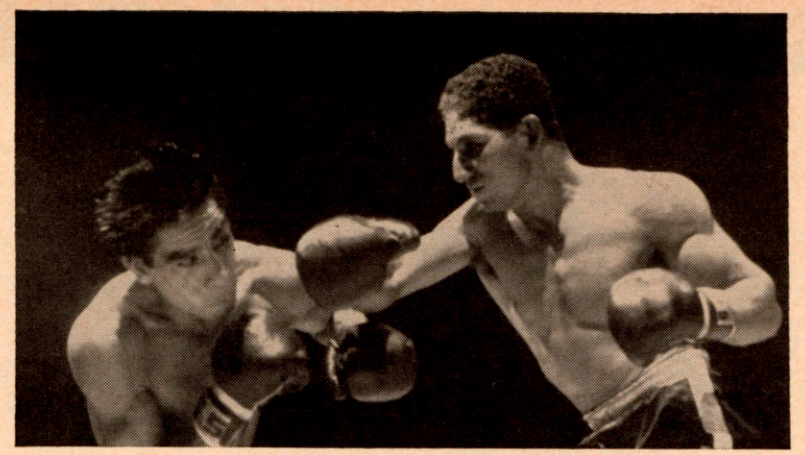
THESE AND THOSE

Artie Curley, son of Lew Stillman's late assistant, Jack Curley, is now an employee of the Park Department, assigned to the Highbridge Playground Center as athletic director.

Few boxing writers have been as popular with the trade as Lou Jaffe, Brooklynite turned Philadelphian, who, at 65, died recently in Apache Junction, Arizona. When Lou became crippled with arthritis nearly ten years ago, it was the Veteran Boxers Association of Philadelphia that sent him to the dry climate of Arizona. A year ago the organization raised a fund to furnish him with an automobile. Unfortunately, it was on a jaunt back to Philadelphia this past summer to be honored at a big sports dinner arranged by the VBA that Jaffe suffered a stroke. He never recovered and was a helpless invalid the last few months of his life. A grand guy, Lou Jaffe. It was a rare privilege to know him, as this commentator did for forty years.

Harry (Champ) Segal has turned author. He's responsible for a book, now on sale, titled "Call Me Champ."

Eddie Borden temporarily departed the fight beat to join the publicity staff ballyhooing the trotting horses at Yonkers Raceway.



Florentino Fernandez, hard-hitting Cuban welterweight (right), had a much more difficult task outpointing veteran Gaspar Ortega than he had in previous bout in Miami Beach. Fernandez won by split 2-1 verdict, but decision was not popular with many of the fans.

THE month's results:

The fistic famine in New York City finally ended with the opening of the ancient Academy of Music as a fight center. To the local trade, the scenery may have been strange but the cast was familiar. Most of the fighters were carry-overs from the previous St. Nicholas Arena season. In the windup ten, stocky Stefan Redl, 147½, Passaic, came on after a slow start to outlast Eddie Lynch, 148, transplanted West Sider now living in West New York, N. J. After a good beginning, Lynch showed the effects of his long absence from the ring (he hadn't fought in eleven months) and tired badly. The first half of the double windup ended in a hurry, Chico Rollins, 134, West Side, disposing of Juan Melendez, 133½, Puerto Rico, at 1:39 of the opening frame. In a trio of preliminary fours, West Siders didn't fare too well, with one draw against two defeats. Both defeats were handed them by Puerto Ricans, Frankie Grimes, 140, losing to Jose Gonzales, and Jimmy Dorsey, 145, dropping a decision to Lupe Leyro, 146¼. The draw was accounted for by Tom Kelly, 168, against Eskil Emerson, 162, Bronx. Although regarded by Promoter Irving Cohen as an artistic success, the show was a financial loser. The gross receipts, $4,424.87, contributed by 2,026 clients, would normally be considered very good for a "small" club operating without TV, but with its heavy operating expenses the promotion had to draw about $5,500 to produce an even break.

▶ Missing for two and a half months, while an ice show, a rodeo and a varied assortment of other events held forth, boxing's return to Madison Square Garden headlined a surprising and decisive triumph for Billy Hunter, 193, Detroit, over Tony Anthony, 181½, Harlem. The one-sided affair was halted by Referee Arthur Mercante at 1:04 of the seventh, with Hunter pummeling a battered, bleeding, exhausted Anthony at will against the ropes. After the first few seconds of the bout, when he opened with a rush and staggered Hunter, Anthony was on the receiving end of a systematic clubbing. Heavier, stronger Hunter crowded him all the way, gave him little punching room and repeatedly drove him into corners and against the ropes, pouring in a steady barrage of jabs, hooks, uppercuts and straight rights. By the fourth round all the fight had gone out of Anthony, who was bleeding from the nose and a cut over the left eye, and stumbling around on uncertain legs. From then on it was only a matter of how long he'd be able to stand up under Hunter's persistent pounding. Tony was near collapse when the referee finally halted the carnage. Carmen Basilio's protege, Dick DiVeronica, 135, Canastota, N. Y., made a fine impression in his New York debut by outfighting veteran Tommy Tibbs, 131, Boston, in a lively semi-final ten. In sixes, Bobby Bartels, 143¼, Astoria, grabbed a split decision from Johnny Gorman, 146, Brooklyn, and Doug Jones, 172¾, Harlem, stopped Chuck Whittley, 172½, Milwaukee, at 2:24 of the fourth. In the opening four, Ronnie Cohen, 143, New Rochelle, halted Ron Porambo, 145½, Elizabeth, N. J., with only four seconds to go.

▶ The second show at West Hempstead's Island Park Arena resembled a get-together of the League of Nations, with Germany, Scotland, Poland, Puerto Rico and Cuba represented along with the local contingent. In the top ten, transplanted German Peter Schmidt, 146½, now operating out of Yorkville, slugged his way to a decision over Jesse Watson, 142¾, Brooklyn. Bobby McEwan, 133½, Scotland, shaped up as a fine prospect in beating Cecil Barbosa, 140, Puerto Rico, in a lively six. Ray Batey, 190, Corona, was a surprise winner over Charley Jones, 206, Newark, N. J., in another six. In fours, Donald Bailey, 171½, West Side, came back from a knockdown to stop Carl Crawford, 170½, Harlem, at 1:04 of the fourth; Jay Roach, 143, Long Island City, halted Mike Besarany, 147, Brooklyn, at 0:51 of the third, and Joe Pietron, 226, Poland, survived a first-round knockdown to batter out a close, disputed decision over Al Alvelez, 188½, Cuba. Promoter-Matchmaker Milt Langerman seemed encouraged by developments. Not only was his card productive of some exciting action, but the turnout of 1,258 and gross receipts of $2,532 represented a slight improvement over the figures for his opening card five weeks before.

▶ Although his winning skein was snapped, Emile Griffith, 150½, West Side, gave a fine account of himself against his first "name" opponent, Randy Sandy, 156, Harlem, in a spirited ten at the Academy of Music. Sandy was a bit too heavy and ringwise for the youngster. The preliminary card was loaded with Puerto Ricans, but they didn't fare too well. The only winner was Pablo Lopez, 126½, whose victim was a fellow-islander, Lou Reyes, 126½. Lopez ended their scheduled four with a knockout at 2:19 of the second. The other Puerto Ricans, four of them, were losers. In sixes, Ruben Santana, 134¼, dropped a decision to Benny Gordon, 134½, Harlem, and Jimmy Landron, 159¾, was outpointed by George Chementi, 159¼, Bronx. In fours, Juan Irizzary, 151, was beaten by Harold Richardson, 147, Brooklyn, and Nino Maldave, 140, was stopped by Frank Daly, 141, West Side, at 1:24 of the third. The attendance was 1,430 and the gross gate a disappointing $3,024.73.

▶ Making it two straight over Gaspar Ortego, 147, Mexico, was a much more difficult task for Florentino Fernandez, 146, Cuba, in Madison Square Garden than his previous triumph had been in Miami Beach a month and half before. Fernandez scored two knockdowns in decisively beating Ortega in their first meeting, but this time the wily Mexican knew what to expect from the aggressive, hard-hitting Cuban and he used speed, shifty boxing and two-handed punching flurries to make the fight a close one all the way. In fact, Referee Al Berl thought the Mexican had won, but he was outvoted by the judges, Jack Gordon and Frank Forbes, who tabbed for Fernandez. Both boys were bleeding at the finish, Ortega from the nose and mouth and Fernandez from the mouth and a cut under his right eye. The large Spanish-speaking population in New York was responsible for a noisy turnout of 4,500 and gate receipts of $11,000, unusual figures for the Garden since it became a TV boxing studio. Latin-Americans were winners in a pair of eights, Bobby Pena, 152, Mexico, decisioning Tony DiBiase, 152½, Astoria, and Obdulio Nunez, 152½, Puerto Rico, halting Tony DeCola, 151½, Brooklyn, at 1:19 of the third. In fours, Babe Simmons, 167½, Bronx, outpointed Tom Kelly, 167, West Side; Gaylord Barnes, 148, Valley Stream, L. I., won from Tommy Leak, 150, West Side, and Benny Gordon, 135, Harlem, drew with Tony Santana, 140, Puerto Rico.

▶ One of the metropolitan area's better young developments, Chico Rollins, 132¾, West Side, made it nine wins in ten professional starts by demolishing Steve Hayward, 131, Baltimore, at 2:35 of the sixth at the Academy of Music. A neat boxer and snappy puncher, whose only defeat was at the fists of more experienced Candy McFarland, Rollins was boss of operations all the way, but for five rounds his opponent's peek-a-boo defense made it difficult for him to connect with damaging blows. Eddie Vick, 177¾, Rochester, N. Y., outfought Don McAteer, 172½, Paterson, N. J., in the semi-final six. As usual, Puerto Ricans featured the preliminary card, and this time they fared much better than they had the previous week. The islanders accounted for three wins in four tries. In sixes, Jose Gonzalez, 151, won from Julie Jamison, 148¾, Wappingers Falls, N. Y. and Bert Reyes, 125½, outpointed Joe Quinn, 128½, Ireland. In a scheduled four, Enrenza Ortiz, 143½, disposed of Norman Cassaberry, 143¼, West Side, at 2:06 of the first. The only Puerto Rican loser was William Sanchez, 132, who dropped a decision to Ray Rossi, 131, West Side. The non-TV'd card drew 1,187 customers and a gross gate of $2,467.

▶ Continuing its policy of encouraging up-and-coming youngsters, the Academy of Music promoted Doug Jones, 169½, Harlem, to his first main event but he had some rough going in outpointing rugged Juan Pomare, 172, Panama, in a hard-fought ten. Puerto Ricans were again conspicuous in the supporting bouts, but they didn't have much luck. The only winner in five was Joe Figuero, 140, and he beat a fellow-islander, Eddie Antonetti, 139½, in the semi-final six. In another six, staged after the main event, Tony Santana, 139, Puerto Rico, was outpointed by Benny Gordon, 135½, Harlem. In fours, Juan Irizarry, 153½, Puerto Rico, dropped a decision to Danny Kelly, 154½, Long Island City; Tony Lazu, 147½, Puerto Rico, lost to Jay Roche, 143½, Hicksville, L. I., and in the only bout in which no Puerto Rican appeared Sammy Jordan, 165, Union City, N. J. stopped Johnny Gadson, 166, Brooklyn, at 2:24 of the fourth. The clients numbered 1,009 and the gross receipts were $2,545.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

THE old Olympic Auditorium was packed to the rafters, with a couple of thousand turned away, and the highly partisan crowd saw 18-year old Raymundo (Battling) Torres, 136½, the kayo sensation from Reynosa, Mexico, score an amazing 2-round knockout over 5th-ranked Johnny Busso, 137, New York. Gross gate $46,824. Nothing "gross" about that.

The house went wild. It was Torres' 27th straight win, his 21st (and most important) knockout.

Busso, 2-1 underdog, started off well, scoring with a one-two shortly after the opening bell. Then came Torres' turn. A short left hook hit the mark, and the New Yorker's legs seemed to melt. Another hook followed, and down went Busso for three. A few seconds later, Torres tallied with another hook and Johnny went down for another short count. Instinctively, he grappled with the Mexican killer—and the bell saved him from destruction in that round.

But it was a short respite. Shortly after the bell for Round 2, Torres connected with a savage right, then a deadly left, and again Busso sank to the canvas. He was nailed going down by another right, and this one obviously spelled "The End". He was O-U-T, out; and Referee Charley Randolph raised Torres' paw in token of victory. Time, 41 seconds.

Bedlam broke loose. In the dressing-room, Busso told one scribe: "I've never been hit so hard a punch in my life."

Naturally, there was immediate talk of a title tilt with Joe Brown. This one might well smash all West Coast records for receipts.

Eart Gastings, 138, KO (2) over Will Harris, 138; Carmie Price, 138, KO (2) over Vance Bolin, 142½; David Zapata, 125, dec. Richie Robinson, 123; and Bang Bang Anderson, 144, dec. Mike Coronado, 147.

▶Alvaro Gutierrez, 147, Mexico City, won the unanimous 10-round decision over Irish Pat Lowry, also 147, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Referee Dick Young scored it 99-88; Judge Russ Bradford, 99-86; and Judge Mushy Callahan, 99-89.

Lowry, Toledo veteran, had done all right for himself in local rings, scoring knockouts over Dillard Jackson, Marcelo Vargas, and Joe Miceli. Then he dropped a duke to Reybon Stubbs, the Pittsburgh cutie.

The Gutierrez-Lowry scrap was too one-sided to be a thriller, but there were some interesting moments. The Mexican's left landed frequently and accurately on Lowry, and the latter bled from the left eye and nose through most of the fight.

In the six-round semi, Collier Cox, 130½, decisioned Memo Derante, 130.

The fours: Joe Rodriguez, 135, KO (4) over Bob Plymale, 135; Al Grant, 146¼, dec. Rocky Friend, 150½; and John Smith, 156½, dec. Louis Ringo, 151½.

▶Pelon Cervantes, 128, Mexico, had things all his own way against Pat McCoy, 130, Ireland, at the Olympic Auditorium. The Mexicali mixer won by kayo in the 5th round. However, McCoy had some sort of an alibi. He substituted on short notice for Kid Irapuato, who was injured in training.

Actually, it was a TKO. McCoy, though he was rocking and rolling from the punishment, refused to go down. Referee Frankie Van mercifully stopped the scrap. A smart move.

In the semi, slated for six, Ronnie Jones, 121½, scored a 5th round kayo over Ramon Sarminento, 121—no relation to Pete, of course, except as we are all related through Adam and Eve.

The fours: Pepino Morales, 120, dec. Paul Ramos, 120; Jess Baeza, 127, KO (3) over Pancho Bravo, 122½; and Arvil Burris, 131, dec. Tantero Cardenas, 130.

▶Reybon Stubbs, Pittsburgh welter, came through in impressive style at the Olympic Auditorium by unanimously trouncing Irish Pat Lowry, 147½, the heavy favorite, before a crowd estimated at 1500.

Lowry had knocked out his three previous opponents: Joe Miceli, Dillard Jackson and Marcelo Vargas, in his only previous showing here. Stubbs had been stopped by Tombstone Smith. Hence the "betcha boys" thought they had a soft touch. They were wrong.

Stubbs employed a sharp and accurate left jab to keep his slugging foe off balance. Lowry made a belated assault in the 10th, dropped Stubbs for a one-count in that round, but in the words of the old song, "The Pardon Came Too Late".

Referee Lee Grossman voted 94-91; Judge John Thomas, 94-90; and Judge Mushy Callahan, 95-91—all for Stubbs.

In the semi, Eddie Baker, 141, scored a 3-round kayo over Art Lopez, 142. The fours: Thell Torrance, 148½, dec. Johnny Kimber, 152½; Jim McCarter, 223, dec. Andy Isaacs, 185; and Bill McMurray, 205, dec. Freeman Hardin, 180.

▶Karl Heinz Guder, crowd pleasing welterweight from Germany, did not have much information about his foe, Jerry Hunnicutt, with whom he was matched at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland. But the scant data he had was that Jerry had recently broken the jaw of Tombstone Smith to win by a TKO and annex the California welterweight championship. Guder put up his usual good fight, but took no unnecessary chances. Hunnicutt took the decision in a close ten rounder.

Hunnicutt, of Menlo Park, Calif., weighed 152; Guder, 155. Referee Tony Bosnich, sole official, scored it 98-96. Press consensus had Hunnicutt on top, 99-95. Gross receipts were $2785.

Guder gambled by throwing more punches in the late rounds. In the earlier sessions he made explosive Hunnicutt miss often, and tied him up adeptly when Jerry mounted a sustained offensive.

Hunnicutt was at his best in the fifth, when his payoff right crashed solidly against Guder's jaw, sending him tumbling into the ropes. Jerry did not move fast enough on the follow-up, and Karl got off the hook.

Art Garcia, 148, Oakland, knocked out Benny Walker, 154, Oakland, in six.

In the fours: Stanley Garcia, 157, stopped Jeff Jones, 162, in 4; Howard Pasley, 137, drew with Lloyd Wilson, 140; Ollie Pitts, 134, outpointed Ernie Jaramillo, 132.

▶His wife presented him with twin daughters the week before the fight, and in appreciation thereof, Jimmy Hornsby, Suey Welch's classy lightweight, scored a one-sided and unanimous triumph over southpaw Joey Padilla of San Jose—the city which gave the great Aurelio Herrera to the world.

Hornsby was the aggressor all the way, and was credited with eight of the ten rounds. The official scoring tells the tale: Referee Russ Bradford, 98-91; Judge Tommy Herman, 97-92; and Judge Jimmy Wilson, 98-90.

It was Hornsby who made the fight. He couldn't get the Northerner to get in and mix things. Jimmy employed a sharp jab to the head and smashing rights to the body.

In one of his earlier fights this year, Hornsby dropped a tight-fit verdict to Baby Vazquez, former Mexican lightweight champ. He had Vazquez on the canvas, but couldn't keep him there. The Mexican made a strong finish; despite that, however, most of the fans thought Hornsby was entitled to at least a draw.

In the six-round semi, rugged Cesar Sanchez, 116½, trounced Pico Campo, 121. The fours: Don Oldaker, 144, TKO (2) over John Page, 147; Ed Hickman, 157, dec. Jeff Jones, 161½; and Gentry Harris, 151½, KO (3) over Jimmy Buker, 150.

▶Johnny Busso picked up a check for $10,110, for his fight with Battling Torres, and the Mexican lad got the same amount. That kind of a payday can salve a lot of wounds.

The story read: "Mrs. Pemo Fitzsimmons, 76, wife of the immortal Bob (Ruby Robert) Fitzsimmons, died at General Hospital following a stroke. The body will be shipped to Chicago where funeral services will be conducted.

"Mrs. Fitzsimmons, born in Russia, came to this country in 1907 and resided most of her life in the Windy City."

To which I might add:

At the request of Ed Sullivan, of TV renown (but sports ed. of the New York Graphic when I first knew him, some thirty years ago) I made inquiries about this lady a few months ago, and interviewed her personally. Sullivan had helped her financially several times, and asked me to check on her circumstances.

I wrote Ed a rather detailed report. It seems this lady was Bob's third wife. She married him in 1914, about three years before Fitz died. Bob's most famous wife was Rose Julian, former circus performer. She was No. 2.

It was Rose who caused Fitz to alter his attack in the 6th round of his fight with Jim Corbett at Carson City, Nevada, on March 17, 1897. Corbett had scored heavily in this heat, had Fitz on the floor for a short count.

Then Rose Julian Fitzsimmons screamed to her hubby:

"Hit 'im in the slates, Bob!" Her voice arose above the roar of the crowd. Fitz remembered. His opportunity came in the 14th. He drove his left with terrific impact into Corbett's midriff, the territory known as the "solar plexus". As Corbett was going down, Fitz nailed him on the chin with another left. Referee Billy Muldoon counted "ten" over him—and Bob was the "winnah, and noo champeen."

▶In three scheduled ten round contests, resident Stockton boxers emerged victorious. But they did not give cynics any opportunity to say "home town decisions." They all won by knockouts.

Dommy Ursua, 115, high ranking flyweight originally from the Philippines, stopped Chuey Miranda, 113, of Tijuana, Mexico, in 40 seconds of the third round in the final bout of the evening at Stockton's Memorial Auditorium.

Benny Casing, Stockton, 121, halted Baby Joe Rios, 121, San Diego, after 1:48 of the second round.

Joe Vargas, 123, Stockton, won on a TKO over Al Carroll, 126, Sacramento, in the ninth.

A crowd of 1200 plus accounted for a gross of $2444.

The clash between Ursua and Miranda was a spirited punching affair with both battlers pounding away. But Ursua carried the most steam, and a crushing right to the ribs in the third floored Miranda for the count.

▶Everyone connected with boxing in California was completely flabbergasted by the one-year suspension of Ralph Gambina, popular boxing manager, by the State Athletic Commission. However, Ralph will be accorded a hearing before the decision becomes final, and it is hoped that justice will be done at that time. The suspension will be held in abeyance till then.

The ring board has charged that Gambina entered into a "secret" contract with Hank Sanicola, business manager of Frank Sinatra, in the management of heavyweight Ruben Vargas.

The commission contends that Gambina and Bert Brodose, Vargas' manager, agreed to split 33⅓ percent of the purse, with an additional 16½ percent going to Sanicola.

Gambina denies this, most forcefully.

His chief witness is Michael Gleich, an accountant who handles Ralph's business affairs.

I've known Gambina more than a quarter of a century. This guy is as honest as anyone I've ever known, and I've known hundreds of very honest gents.

If I were Gambina, I'd call as wntnesses every fighter he ever managed. Ralph's reputation for honesty would stand comparison with that of any and every member of our State Athletic Commission.

▶Here's a pip: were there TWO guys named Sammy Mandell who were lightweight champs of the world?

Only one I know is the lad from Rockford, Illinois, who defeated Rocky Kansas for the title on July 3, 1926. I was there. In fact, I had closed the semi-final match for that one: Spug Myers against Rusie Leroy, Jack Hurley's boy, in a 10-rounder. Myers was then a member of the Frank Churchill stable, with which I was connected.

The Hollywood Mandell—well, he was NOT the guy who beat Kansas. And he was NOT the lightweight champ, an old and valued friend.

Seems that there was, allegedly, a two-million dollar estate awaiting Sammy Mandell, left by Christopher Greco of Sicily. The Hollywood Mandell claimed it. The REAL Mandell, in Oak Park, Ill., denies it, with vehemence.

▶Right back after his smashing win over Pat Lowry came Reybon Stubbs, Pittsburgh, 148, to score a 7th round knockout over Frankie Ramirez, 148, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Funny: Stubbs was supposed to be a boxer, and Ramirez a puncher. Stubbs was superior in both departments.

Ramirez had won impressively over Willie Morton in Reno, flooring him twice. Hence he was favored over Stubbs. In the betting, that is.

Stubbs was ahead by a wide margin when the fight was halted in the 7th by Referee Tommy Hart. It was Ramirez' first local main event. In civil life he's a bellhop at the Biltmore Hotel.

In the six-round semi, Pepino Morales, 120; slugged his way to a unanimous decision over Joey Augustine, 121. The fours: Paul Carlin, 134, dec. Arvil Burris, 132½; Tino Zaragoza, 130½, dec. Al Martin, 124; and Joe Hicks, 148, dec. Al Grant, 148.

▶ Johnny Hayden, 188, won the unanimous verdict over Hastings Hart, 186, in the 10-round televised feature at the Olympic Auditorium. There were no knockdowns; both were boxers, jabbed and crossed at long range.

Referee Jimmy Wilson: 99-91; Judge Joey Olmos, 100-93; Judge Frankie Van, 99-92.

In the semi, Cal Houston, 166½, scored a 2-round knockout over Sonny Hett, 161½. The four-rounders: Jimmy Anderson, 167, dec. Willie Bell, 169; Ray Salazar, 125, kayo 2 over Oney Minguez, 121; and Beto Maldonado, 121, dec. Sandy Garcia, 118.

▶ It was Bobby Sanders' first main event against a prominent regional boxer. But the San Francisco welter overcame the big experience margin of Dave Johnson to take the ten round decision at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Sanders, 149; Johnson, 150.

Referee Frankie Carter, sole official, called it 98-95 for Sanders.

Johnson, also of S. F., seemed to start slowly, and by the time he got to belting Sanders with direct hits, Bobby was well ahead on points in the middle rounds.

But even after taking Johnson's hardest whacks to the chin, Sanders always came back winging. Though he seemed to tire in the sixth and seventh, Sanders matched Johnson's punching pace in the eighth and ninth.

Bobby came on with a big tenth to assure himself of the verdict.

Moses Cooper, 145, Stockton, outpointed Irish George Sullivan, 141, of San Rafael, in a six-rounder. Also in six, Eddie Moore, 131, Oakland, decisioned Willie Sanchez, 130, San Jose.

Johnny Cate, 127, Oakland, knocked out Jimmy Lewis, 125, San Leandro, in the second.

▶ Most good things must come to an end—as it did for Art Ramponi and the Sacramento promoters. For the past several years hard hitting Arthur had Sacramento listed as his favorite city, and he was always billed as the lad "who never lost in a Capitol City ring."

This situation was changed by Mexican lightweight Hilario Morales, who knocked out Ramponi after eight rounds of explosive battling at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Some Mexican enthusiasts hailed Morales' victory as revenge for Ramponi's knockout of ex-champ Lauro Salas in Sacramento several years ago.

Morales put Ramponi down for a nine count in the decisive round and followed up with a flurry of rights and lefts. Referee Johnny Reno halted the battle in 1:10 of the eighth.

Morales, 21, had carried the fight all the way to his 24 year old foe from Richmond. Each boxer weighed 137.

Though impressive, Morales' victory was no surprise. He had decisioned veteran Joey Lopes three weeks earlier in the same ring. Many observers put Morales in the same category with Mexico's other lightweight luminaries, Battling Torres and Mauro Vasquez.

Don Chestra, 141, San Francisco, outpointed Zeke Lucero, 135, in six.

Prelims: Andy Gonzales, 140, Oakland, drew with Buckskin Fields, 140, S. F., in 4. Stan Garcia, 160, Oakland, stopped Fred Roots, 160, Stockton, in 2.

▶ Heavily favored in the betting at 3-1, Neal Rivers, 167, did not disappoint his backers at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a 6th round knockout over Carlton Lincoln, 166. Rivers, as usual, started slowly, but gained impetus as the fight progressed.

At the half-way mark, round 5, Rivers caught up with Lincoln, who was a mid-week substitute for Calvin Brad. A left hook to the head, followed by a barrage of half-a-dozen damaging socks, had Lincoln on Queer Street as the round ended, and the bell saved him. But not for long.

Near the end of the 6th, Rivers again connected with a pay-off punch and Lincoln was in trouble. This time they didn't ring the bell in time to save Lincoln from disaster. Referee Dick Young halted hostilities in 2:56 of the 6th.

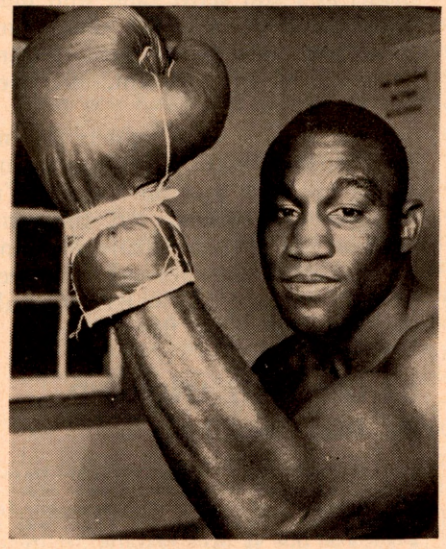
In the six-round semi, Teddy Rand, 127, won the unanimous verdict over Jess Baeza, 126¼. The fours: Questa Walker, 140, dec. Red Walker, 137½; Bob Fernandez, 143, dec. Bob Oldaker, 144; and Solly Klein, 130½, dec. Lyn Boyd, 130.

It was a pleasure for this writer to bump into Willie (Gorilla) Jones at the Main Street Gym here—without his glasses. Something of a shock, too, for the old Gorilla had been wearing cheaters for the past twenty years or more.

"How-come, Willie?" I said, pointing to the eyes.

"Had cataracts removed from both my eyes", he replied, proudly. "Now I only use glasses for reading. You know who paid for the operation?—Sure you do! Who else but Suey Welch, my old manager. God bless him."

I checked with Suey. He didn't want any publicity about it, but from Jones I learned that the operation and hospital bills totalled more than $1200. Just another proof that ALL managers are not cold-blooded parasites, as some scribblers would have you believe.



Comebacking Jimmy Carter, former world lightweight champion, scored a three round knockout over Irish Jimmy Smith at Richmond, Calif., finishing the job with a lightning fast combination.

▶ Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, Mexicali mauler, 129, scored his most important triumph at the Olympic Auditorium, winning the unanimous decision over Kid Anahuac, also 129, before some 2500 fans.

Cervantes was too fast and clever for the aging Anahuac, and here is how the officials voted: Referee George Latka, 97-94; Judge Jack McDonald, 98-94; and Judge Charlie Randolph, 98-93.

The 21-year old Cervantes enhanced his prestige by the win, and is now in line for bigger and better opposition.

In the semi-final, slated for six, was a slugfest, with Lloyd Wilson, 144¼, scored a 2nd round TKO over Rafael Gutierrez, 143. The four-rounders: Freeman Hardin, 183, dec. Andy Isaacs, 186; Rocky Friend, 151, KO (2) over Gentry Harris, 151½; and Frankie Davis, 150½, KO (3) over Ed Hickman, 154½.

▶ Ron Waller, footballer who aspires to be a top-ranking fistic promoter, has accused the Olympic Auditorium of holding a monopoly in Los Angeles promoting. Through his attorney, J. P. Cantillon, Waller released a formal statement to that effect.

Waller had planned a "farewell fight" at Hollywood Legion Stadium, soon to become a bowling alley. He had signed Mauro Vasquez to meet Jimmy Hornsby, but the State Athletic Commission did not approve of it. Ron holds a license to promote in Santa Monica; he stated that it was against Athletic Commission policy for him to move out of his territory. This was a rather unique statement to come from a Commission which approved the application of then-unknown Bill Rosensohn to promote the Floyd Patterson-Roy Harris fight at Wrigley Feld here.

The Olympic Auditorium, which stages shows on Thursday as well as Saturday of each week—the latter televised—had objected to Waller's invasion of "their" territory. Hence Ron's verbal blast.

Seals Stadium, for three decades the center of baseball activities in San Francisco is being dismantled. Games in 1960 will be played at the S. F. Giants' new Stadium, called Sandlestick Park.

As most baseball fans in S. F. are also boxing followers, the fistic observers had some interesting reminiscences. Built in 1931, Seals Stadium took the eye of boxing promoters when they had an extra good attraction. The extra attraction usually included Young Corbett III.

Corbett, from Fresno, was a depression era phenomenon. After drawing near capacity crowds in every arena in S. F. and Oakland, he reaped his biggest reward at Seals Stadium when he won the welterweight title from Jackie Fields.

The fast punching southpaw, who beat seven world's champions during his career, won three of these choice victories at the Stadium. A few years after the Fields fight, he took on Mickey Walker. Walker had come out of retirement on the prospect of a good purse fighting Corbett. Mickey floored Corbett for an eight count in the early rounds, but the elusive Fresnan took the decision.

Near the end of his 21-year career, Corbett faced top middleweight contender (and later champion) Fred Apostoli. For three rounds Apostoli belted the veteran all over the ring. Then Corbett seemed to regain his youthful form, and he gave Apostoli a neat boxing lesson to take the verdict.

Corbett was the only boxer who made any money for the promoters at the Stadium. Nearly all other bouts were big financial losers, partly due to the park being an "icebox" at night. After Corbett's retirement there were but one or two battles at Seals Stadium. There were none at all in the past 16 years.

▶ Veteran boxers often report they are as alert as ever in spotting openings, but seldom can toss punches fast enough to capitalize on these opportunities. In the Richmond, Calif. ring, former lightweight king Jimmy Carter not only saw the opening, but was able to follow up with a lightning fast combination.

Victim was Irish Jimmy Smith, of Oakland. The Bay youngster, rated a capable competitor, was knocked out in the third round.

Weights: Carter, 140; Smith, 141. The crowd appeared to be below the promoter's profit margin, gross receipts being $1448. Battle setting was the Auditorium in Richmond.

Carter was methodical rather than destructive in the first two rounds. His left hook found Smith's body often, and he varied this offensive with a right to the head. Smith was not idle, and the point total was about even when the third opened.

It was then that Smith left the fateful opening. The former champion put together a near-perfect left hook right cross combination, and Smith was dropped to the canvas with a thud. He was unable to get up for several minutes after the ten count had been tolled by Referee Vern Bybee. Time in round three: 1:21.

Undefeated John Balla, 173, Stockton, outpointed Jim Fisher, 177, Oakland, in six rounds. It was Balla's eighth victory.

It was a third round KO for Johnny Cate, 127, Oakland, who stopped John Marion, 131, San Jose, in a scheduled six. Vince Castro, 123, Stockton, decisioned Ray Salas, 125, Oakland, in four.

▶ From far off Wales came sad news to San Francisco boxing fans. It was the report of the death of Jack Beynon, former prominent S. F. fistic promoter.

Beynon, 69, and a native of Wales, was on a vacation in the land of his birth when he succumbed to illness.

He staged shows at the Coliseum Bowl for the Disabled American Veteran's Club in the 1940's. He had been retired since 1952. His home was in Nice, Lake County, Calif.

▶ The fistic card at Stockton had all the elements of good boxoffice—an able and popular hometowner against an international favorite. But the program headed by Benny Casing of Stockton and Fernando Sota, Portugal's bantam champ, drew fewer than 1000 fans who paid a gross of $1300.

Casing, adding to a long victory string, outmaneuvered Sota to break a winning streak for the Portuguese battler. It was a brisk battle for the entire ten rounds, with each boxer having to withstand staggering punches to offset disaster.

Weights: Casing, 120½; Sota, 121. The program was under the auspices of the Disabled Veterans Post. Locale was the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Johnny Reno refereed. Point consensus for Casing was 98-95.

In previous appearances in the U. S., Sota had scored three straight by knockouts.

In a second scheduled ten, Joe Vargas, koed Mike Rios in six.

THEY LINGER ON . . .

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Take professional football. To the college educated players it is a means to an end. The player may be earning money to further his education at some graduate school. The season is short, and he may have a business going for him back home. He may plan to coach when his playing days are over.

No such choices are open to a fighter. Some like Dempsey and Tony Canzoneri have opened restaurants. Others, such as Charley Norkus, become bouncers in saloons. Norkus was shot while performing his duties, but fortunately recovered.

A few, among them Ruby Goldstein and Ray Miller, become referees. This is only a sideline, as Ruby and Ray are among the many former fighters who represent liquor distributors. They are salesmen, along with Billy Graham, Joe Benjamin, Bob Montgomery and several others.

Petey Scalzo, former featherweight champion, is the New York Commission's chief inspector, and Sandy Saddler, another ex-featherweight champ, is the physical instructor on a Grace Line ship. Such jobs are few, and not easy to get.

In this era of high taxation it is next to impossible for a fighter, or any professional athlete, to put enough aside to assure his future comfort. Bobo Olson, for example, fights on, giving Uncle Sam a third of his purses to satisfy claims for back taxes. The California Commission cost the Federal Government a big chunk when it recently refused to sanction an Olson-Archie Moore world lightheavyweight title fight.

Rocky Graziano continues to make it as an actor, both in TV and in the movies. Moore has taken time out from his duties as champion to play in the part of Jim in the film *"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."* Ancient Archie is an exception of course, a veteran who goes on and on, and who against the inevitable has a ranch outside of San Diego.

JENKINS WENT BACK TO ARMY, NEAR PENSION

Lew Jenkins went back to his first love, the Army. He is a master sergeant with only three years to go before retiring on a pension. They used to call him Looney Lew, but he has it made. Henry Armstrong is an ordained minister, but the problem confronting the majority of fighters is what to do when their ring careers end.

That is what keeps them fighting on long after they should have retired. In this group are three former lightweight champions—Lauro Salas, Paddy De Marco and Jimmy Carter.

Armstrong, the triple champion, is one who stayed past his time. He fought for four years after losing the last of his three titles, the welterweight, to Fritzie Zivic. Willie Pep's career spanned 18 years and ended when he was beaten by Sonny Leon in Caracas. Pep was a high roller, but his skills never deserted him. Willie's legs gave out before his talent.

Another who continued to fight for coffee and cakes was Kid Gavilan, ex-welterweight champion. In his last two years the Cuban lost seven of 10 fights. Among his assets was an iron chin.

Of course there is Sugar Ray Robinson, the middleweight champ, who insists he's still active, and who must know he can't do what once came naturally. Now he's a cutie, angling to out-smart an opponent, and then pot shot him.

Sugar Ray is old as fighters go, and so is Archie Moore. But they aren't fading away, at least not yet. They're exceptions, of course, but the same can't be said of either Charles or Akins, who, whatever their reasons, have been on stage too long. Maybe Basilio should stay where he is, in the wings.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

By Don Hamill

PROVIDENCE, R. I. AUDITORIUM—Harold Gomes, 132½, Providence, had an edge in nearly every round but his opponent, Jay Fullmer, 133¼, West Jordan, Utah, was so game and full of fight that the ten round fight never got one-sided. Both landed solid blows but Gomes packed more steam. His superior experience showed as he repeatedly manuevered Fullner into position. There were no knockdowns. Fullmer was cut over the right eye in the fifth. The bout was televised nationally.

Willie Greene, 160, Providence, right-handed his way to a unanimous decision over Butch Craig, 159, Bridgeport, in the eight round semi-final. Jimmy Louis, 173, Roxbury, belted out Satch Jamiel, 174½, Warren, in the fourth round to score an upset. Joe Butler, 137, Providence, kayoed Al Scalzo of Bridgeport in the second. Henry Jackson, 189, Boston, stopped Allan Conklin of Providence, in the third. Chuck Tanner, 123, Providence, impressed with a four round decision over Bob Shaughnessy of Boston.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia Ballroom—Melvin (Candy) McFarland, 141¾, Philadelphia, stopped Cecil Courtney, 142, Miami, in the third round of their scheduled ten round bout. During the first two rounds both fighters landed with hard punches. In the third, McFarland retaliated after being stung by a crisp combination, by looping a right to the jaw that dropped Courtney. Soon afterwards Courtney was dropped again by a left hook, at which point Referee Billy Lynch intervened.

Kenny Tavares, 135, New Bedford, upset hard punching Joey Butler, 139, Providence, by not only taking the six round decision in the semi-final but scored the only knockdown. Ted Doncaster, 170¼, Sackville, N. B., halted Charley Pavlis, 177¾, Hungarian refugee now living in Miami. The end came in the third round. Mercer Smith, 129½, Providence, won handily over Bob Shaughnessy, 125½, Boston, in four rounds. Jimmy Connors, 148½, Sharon, turned pro with a four round decision over Tony Caruolo, 147½, Providence.

▶ BOSTON—Arena—Undefeated Lee Williams, 206, Roxbury, successfully defended his New England heavyweight title by stopping Billy Tisdale, 185, Bridgeport, in the fifth round. After a very cautious start during which he was clipped plenty Williams opened up to drop Tisdale six times, three in each the fourth and fifth rounds before Referee Eddie Bradley called a halt.

Willie Greene, 160, Providence, hampered by an injured right hand, gained a decision over Gene Hamilton, 163½, New York, in the ten round co-feature. Nick Previti, 138, Boston, needed only 2:01 of round one to belt out Lionel Butler, 138¼, New York. Jimmy Connors, 147, Sharon, stopped Paul Harvey, 145½, Boston, in the second round.

▶ BOSTON—Arena—Walter Byars, 147½, Roxbury, making his first start since last spring, punched out an unanimous decision over Butch Craig, 146½, Bridgeport, in their ten round bout. Byars got off to a slow start but increased the tempo of the bout so that by the seventh and eighth rounds he was hitting Craig at will.

In the ten round co-feature, Nick Previti, 138, Boston, outslugged Tommy Garrow, 142, Claremont, N. H. They engaged in many toe-to-toe exchanges to make it a thriller. Ted Doncaster, 172, Sackville, N. B. and Boston, iced Carl (Gunnar) Warme, 181½, Bridgeport, in the final round of their sixer. Bobby Chabot, 132, Fall River, hit the comeback trail with a six round decision over Dick DiVola, 129¾, Boston. Jimmy Connors, 147½, Sharon, knocked out Frank Murphy, 148½, Boston, in the second round of a four. Dom Prestone, 147½, Malden, stiffened Verl Carr, 151, Boston, in two.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Les. Muller

EUROPEAN ROUND-UP: CAPE TOWN. Dickie Williams, national welterweight champion, made his first Cape Town ring appearance by stopping Roy Louw in the fifth round. Williams was not very impressive, but can do better. Ken Lawrence beat Kid Combrink on points over six rounds. This was a middleweight fight. Kenny Loy was beaten in the third round by promising Ronnie van der Walt, in a bantamweight clash.

▶ JOHANNESBURG: — Promising Ernie Rocco (174½) beat Piet Gouws (171) on a fourth round kayo. Rocco was put down for a count of 4 in the fourth round, but Gouws got careless and was knocked-out for the full count with a right.

Lou Strydom (209) lost to Jan Scheepers (180) K.O. 4. Johnny McMilne (157) lost to Tony Greb (156) Points 4. Hennie Snyman (124) beat Danny Sheingold (121) K.O. 2.

Ray Noppe (135) beat Henry Moller (134½) K.O. 4. Kid Dempers (143) beat Les Frank (139) points four. Wynand Scheeprs (153¾) beat Johnny Roos (151) T.K.O. 4. Gert Smit (143) beat Frans van Heerden (143½) disqualified 2.

▶ JOHANNESBURG:—Rand Promtions who have been staging regular fortnightly 'talent' tournaments were let down by a few fighters, who failed to make the stipulated weights. Since these fortnightly 'talent' tournaments have been in operation the professional ranks have recruited over 70 fighters from the amateur ranks.

Welterweights: Les Frank beat Jannie Bloem on points over four rounds. Ivan Kruger beat Kid Dempers on points also over four rounds.

Middleweights: Toetie Munnik beat Wynand Saunders on points in a four-rounder. Rocky van der Westhuizen beat Johannes Klopper K.O. 1. Tony Greb beat Steve Swan on points four rounds.

Lightweights: Jan du Plessie beat Phil Carter T.K.O. 3.

Heavyweights: Steve Jacobs beat Johnny Smal T.K.O. 1.

▶ NON-EUROPEAN ROUND-UP. VEREENIGING:—Eric Ntsele really impressed when he knocked-out Elias Tshablalala in three rounds, in a eliminator for the national bantamweight title. Tshablalala was three pounds overweight at the weigh-in and this weakened him.

Peter Koaho (126) beat Shamrock Morake (125) on points over eight rounds. Barnabas Xakaxa (142) lost on points to Shakes Nhlapo (145) in a four-rounder.

John Letsela (124) beat Elijah Dhladhla (125) on a fourth round T.K.O. Matthews Maphathe (121) beat Shadrack Bolibe (118) on points over four rounds. Daniel Mokoena (110) beat Cornelius Tau (111¼) on points over four rounds.

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THE MAT WORLD

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O'Connor won the first frame with a reverse headlock with Gomez going second with an airplane spin. Both men fell from the ring and were counted out by the referee.

Enrique Guzman and Duke Keomuka went to a draw in the top preliminary while Silento Rodriquez won by disqualification over Mike di Biase. George Curtis scored over Tony Barbetta while Danny McShane and Prince Maiava drew.

The "Hats Off" department this month tips its sky-piece to Iron Mike di Biase, a real toughie and a hard worker, who should rate as one of the best in this old rasslin' world. Mike is the former National AAU champion who is well schooled in the cauliflower and concussion sport. This man knows a lot of wrestling and can go with the best, brawl or shoot!

WRESTLING ACTION

By Earle Yetter

It would be an impossible task to thank individually all friends of this column for your many kindnesses during the past year, so I am taking this opportunity of wishing all of you A Very Happy New Year and may THE RING continue to give you the latest news on the wrestlers and wrestling as a whole.

The introduction of six bout cards by Promoter Pedro Martinez in New York and Ohio has struck a popular chord with wrestling fans, all along the line. It is indeed a wrestling bargain for thousands of devotees of the sport and in Buffalo, N. Y., an increase of 3,000 payees was noted, in spite of the fact that more than 30,000 men were idle due to the steel strike. In the State of Ohio, bouts in Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Mansfield, Dover, Lorain, Toledo, and Sandusky have been televised and many people who never before saw a wrestling bout are now interested spectators.

Husbands had better get into the habit of taking their wives with them to wrestling matches. Not so long ago, a wife testified in a Chicago divorce action that her husband went to a wrestling match on their wedding night. The judge granted her a divorce on the grounds of cruelty . . . of all things.

The fastest pin fall ever recorded in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium was accomplished by the sensational Billy Lyons of Toronto, when he toppled the gigantic Roy Campbell with two drop-kicks and a press in 8 seconds flat. Campbell, who weighs 340 pounds, beat a hasty retreat back to Detroit, his home town.

The existing record for a wrestling gate was back during the 1948-49 season when Frank Sexton and Bob Wagner drew 12,365 customers through the turnstiles at Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium. Promoter Pedro Martinez is confident that record will be broken when Pat O'Connor, World Heavyweight Champion, headlines "The Parade of Champions Show."

Popular Dick Beyer of Buffalo, who is among the rising stars of the mat, also acts as assistant coach of the Syracuse Varsity Football squad. A short time ago Dick was awarded a plaque in Syracuse for being the most popular wrestler who has ever appeared in The Salt City. A short time after that, he appeared on a Rochester, N. Y. card and defeated his opponent. While standing in his street clothes watching Fritz von Erich and Bobo Brazil battle it out in a two out of three falls match, Dick suddenly hopped into the ring to assist Brazil who was being kicked into submission by Von Erich. Referee Frank Powderly disqualified Brazil because of Beyer's interference. That action set up a real embroglio among ringsiders and a full scale riot ensued in which one spectator sustained a scalp injury, while a riot squad and ringside special police restored order. For his part in the fracas, Beyer was fined $200 by Deputy Commissioner Lloyd Paterson and suspended indefinitely. It is quite a price to pay for trying to help out a friend, but Beyer will be back with flying colors as soon as his suspension is lifted.

Tarzan Tom Bradley from North Bay, Canada, wears a head of hair which has not seen a barber's chair in six months, but you can't blame him at $1.75 per clipping.

Ilio Di Paolo and Bobo Brazil have proven themselves a rugged tag team duo, especially against Doc and Mike Gallagher. In one of the greatest tag matches of the new season, the Gallaghers had to call on subterfuge to win out over them, but at this writing a rematch has been made to settle the controversy.

The writer can be contacted at 138 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo 20, N. Y. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Out of Toronto comes the news that one of the most popular wrestlers who has ever appeared in Canada will write his Memoirs of the Mat. He is none other than Whipper Billy Watson, former World Heavyweight Champion and present British Empire titleholder. Watson, a shrewd manipulator of the "greenbacks," has earned on the mat and in his business enterprises sufficient money for him to be labeled as a millionaire.

Rampaging Gene Kiniski the Alberta, Canada boy, is still looking for *"that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."* He is another grappler who foresook the gridion for a wrestling career and this 6'-5" 275 pound bundle of dynamite is certainly creating havoc on the Canadian circuits. Against first line opponents such as Yukon Eric, Whipper Watson, Karl Karlsson and the Great Antonio he has shown that he will have to be considered among the contenders for the World Heavyweight Title.

In Toronto, Promoter Frank Tunney imported the Great Antonio, a 450 pound gladiator from Siberia. Antonio proceeded to wipe up the mat with every opponent tossed in with him . . . that is, until he was matched with Kiniski. What a strange sight the Great Antonio presented in the ring. He wore a heavy beard and a straggly head of hair, long green trunks and a jacket made out of a burlap bag.

Apparently, Kiniski must have taken an immediate dislike to this strolling vagabond, because he went right to work on the gnome-like goliath with rugged kicks and elbow smashes, finishing him with a brutal knee-drop to the throat and a top spread in just 9:34 to bring down the house at Maple Leaf Gardens. It was really something to see the workmanlike job that Kiniski accomplished.

In his spare time, Verne Gagne, former United States TV Champion, has a thriving business in manufacturing vitamins . . . a product known as "Threeps." They are a large-sized tablet which contain power-packed proteins.

Mike Gallagher, of the vaunted Gallagher Brothers tag team combination, is walking with haughty shoulders these days. In addition to being the top tag team in the East at present, he is the proud father of a son, his first born.

The Kalmikoff Brothers are back in action in Canada and that means trouble for any tag team in the business. Ivan Kalmikoff sustained a crushed vertebra in his back in a match against Butch Levy in Minneapolis, several months ago. Doctors said he would never wrestle again, but the superb physical condition he had maintained in his campaign on the mat enabled him to recover. Today, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff are back together as one of the hardiest and most rugged tag teams in the business and that spells despair to all of their opponents.

Emile Dupre, 22 year old Moncton, New Brunswick grappler started as a professional when he was only 17 years old. Wladek (Killer) Kowalski taught the good looking lad to become a paid performer after he had a brilliant career on the Moncton High School

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Jack Johnson successfully defended his heavyweight title by knocking out Stanley Ketchel in 12th round at Colma, California in 1909.

"I'll Never Forget That Fight"...

By JACK ROOT

Oldest Living Former World Champion

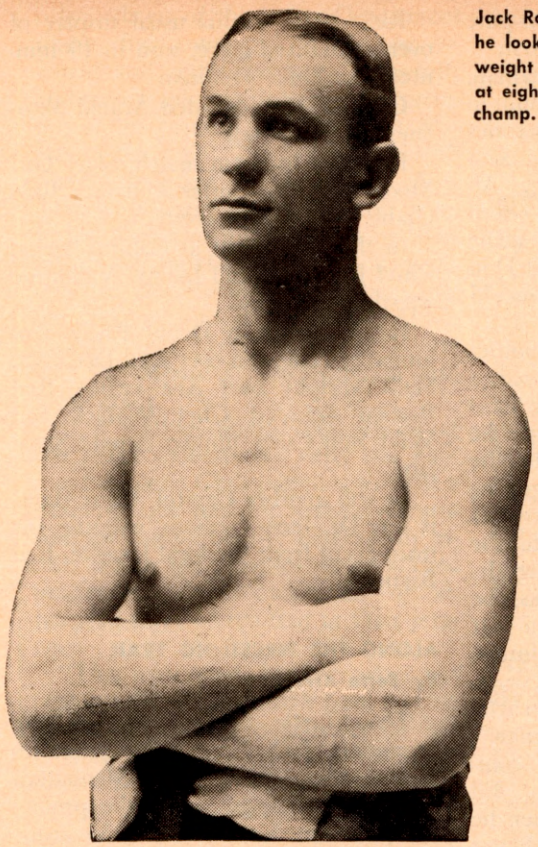
OCTOBER 16, 1909, is a day I shall never forget. It was the day on which a miracle occurred when Stanley Ketchel, world middleweight champion, dropped burly, cocky Jack Johnson on the seat of his pants in the twelfth round only to be knocked cold with the next punch landed by the Galveston Giant. It was a battle in which the world heavyweight crown was at stake, and in which Ketchel, scaling only 170 pounds gave 35 pounds away to the champion.

When I celebrated my 83rd birthday on May 26, I visited "The Ring" office on my way for my annual trip to Europe and a photograph I saw on the wall of "The Ring" Editor's office, brought back fond memories. It was a picture of Ketchel stretched on the ring floor with Johnson standing over him and it recalled vividly the encounter as I witnessed it. It is appropriate at this time, on the fiftieth anniversary of the fight, to give my impressions of what I regard as one of the highlights of my sixty years association with boxing. So here's the story of that thrilling engagement:

Sitting with Jim Jeffries, Jack Curley and Jim Coffroth in the sunswept arena at Colma, California, we were awaiting the gong that would send Ketchel against Johnson in what was billed as a twenty-round fight for the world's heavyweight title. It was ten months after the Galveston Giant had returned from Australia where he had clinched the crown by stopping Tommy Burns.

He needed money badly and when the proposition was put to him to give the middleweight champion a crack at his title, Johnson quickly agreed since Ketchel was a hot favorite on the Pacific Coast and an excellent drawing card. Ketchel feared no man and acted his part when he entered the ring and went to his corner.

There are many things that make this title bout stand out so clearly. I can see myself sitting at the ringside, tense, watching every move of the rivals as they fought



Jack Root, narrator of this fight thrill, as he looked when holding the light heavyweight championship of the world. Root at eighty-three is the oldest living former champ.

up through the eleventh round and then as out of a clear sky, we were treated to one of the most amazing episodes I've witnessed either as a boxer or spectator. An explosion—yes—just that.

That thrilling twelfth round takes its place among ring classics.

For eleven rounds, the middleweight king had waged a real war against the foremost heavyweight in the world, a man whose cleverness and marvelous defense among other assets of a great fighter, had enabled him to reach the top rung of the ladder. He had speed and hitting power to back up his skill and most of all, he was a tremendously powerful man.

But Ketchel paid little attention to that. He possessed fists of iron, had a fighting heart and his self-confidence was unmatched. Only once had he been beaten and he had entered into this engagement with his mind set not to be defeated again. But Fate willed otherwise.

The eleventh round had been completed. Things looked bright for the middleweight king. He had given Johnson as much as he had received in that session and now he came out for the twelfth.

The bell clanged. Up from his tool leaped Stanley like a lean and hungry wolf out to tear its prey apart.

He shifted, quickly turned to one side and whipped a powerful left to Johnson's jaw. Jack let go that sturdy right of his that could snap a man's head off his neck and Ketchel couldn't stop it, but Stanley still kept coming forward.

This was one time Johnson's defense was insufficient to ward off the Ketchel attack and for several seconds it was a jab by Jack and a hook by Ketchel. One of those hooks landed with a thud against the heavyweight king's jaw. It carried every ounce of Ketchel's powerful muscles behind it and Jack's feet went from under him.

Down he went! The air was rent with the shrieks of the Ketchel supporters. We all leaped to our feet, shouting.

The surprise of a lifetime had come to us! The unexpected had happened! And how!

Do you wonder why I shall never forget that fight?

Ketchel stepped back a pace while the crowd shrieked with delight. A bitter smile wreathed his lips.

What his thoughts were could only be guessed at, but undoubtedly he must have been thinking of the double title he would soon possess.

But another surprise!

In a jiffy, Johnson was on his feet after Referee Welch tolled off a few seconds. He showed his white teeth, he set himself for Ketchel's rush.

He wasn't hurt but his pride had been injured by that knockdown. His golden smile had temporarily vanished.

Ketchel rushed forth, his face distorted. He was somewhat astonished at the ease with which his rival had recovered from the knockdown and he was out to repeat the dose.

What he had accomplished once, he figured he could do again. But he now took the chances of a novice. The experience he had gained in his tough battles of the past, should have made him act with caution before setting out on a new attack. But no. He rushed forth unguarded.

Before Stanley could cut loose with one blow, Jack stepped back, then came in like a flash. Up went his right in a short arc.

I've never known a boxer with a better right hand uppercut than Johnson's and it exploded with a crash against Stanley Ketchel's chin. It landed with such force and speed, with all of the Galveston Giant's 216 pounds of muscle behind it, that Jack couldn't stop himself as he connected.

Ketchel's feet flew out from under him and he hit the floor with a resounding crash. His head struck the canvas-covered floor and he straightened out, full length, dead to the world, with Lil' Arthur almost on top of him. There Ketchel lay, eyes closed, blood flowing from his mouth.

One minute Ketchel was the new heavyweight champion of the world. The next minute he was just a great little man who once again had proved that when a fine big man has a 35 pound bulge in the weights, the result is inevitable.

and Y. M. C. A. mats, as a simon pure performer.

It remained for Don Leo Jonathan, mammoth 300 pound Mormon, to bring a halt to the string of victories which had been hung up by Sam Steamboat, the Lou Thesz protege. Although Steamboat kept defeat from him for more than 25 minutes, he could not cope with the powerful Don Leo, who outweighed him by 75 pounds.

Hard-Boiled Haggerty is another budding writer who has authored a book called, "Behavior of Female Fans at Wrestling Matches." Although he has not given his manuscript to the publisher as yet, he is already getting inquiries. Still a bachelor, Haggerty has taken this opportunity to berate the actions of the weaker sex at ringside. If Don can write as well as he talks, the book should be a masterpiece. In part he says: *"I have a home in California, a Cadillac, a station-wagon, a swimming pool, a horse and a dog, so why should I give up all that for a woman?"*

Professional wrestling has its compensations. None other than Ed (Strangler) Lewis is adamant when he says the present day wrestler is a better conditioned athlete than when he was in his heyday. The man who held the World Heavyweight Championship on five different occasions should know whereof he speaks. *"The present day grapplers must be in the finest condition at all times. They have to come up with spectacular flying drop-kicks, bruising shoulder blocks, and assorted hi-jinks to keep the life blood into the sport. Unless they follow this pattern, professional wrestling would soon unwind itself and would flounder in the doldrums in short order. It is the new blood which is entering the sport each year that will keep wrestling in the forefront of all sports,"* says Lewis.

WRESTLING FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Mike Geary

In a special show to a capacity crowd at Uline Arena, Vince McMahon presented another star-studded show for the many Washington wrestling fans. Doctor Jerry Graham, whom earlier in the day, we heard speak at the 80th birthday luncheon for announcer Jimmy Lake, was altogether a different man when in the main event he evened a score that had been bothering him for some time, and pinned 601 pound Haystack Calhoun for a win in six minutes flat.

John and Chris Tolos continued their winning streak by taking two of three falls from Mark Lewin and Donn Curtis.

In another contest ending in six minutes, Bearcat Wright pinned a surprised and enraged Skull Murphy.

Ricki Starr, in his usual display of over-emphasized grace, won in 19 minutes over Duke Hoffman.

Chet Wallick defeated Arnold Skoaland in 25 minutes.

In a girls tag-team match, Slave Girl Moola and Rita Cortez won over Judy Grable and Fran Korvette.

In the main event at Capitol Arena, Chief Big Heart and Johnny Valentine wrestled to a draw.

In his American Debut Rocky Columbo of Italy won over Paul DeGalles. Skull Murphy beat Abe Jacobs, Red Bastien defeated Chet Wallick and Wild Bull Curry pinned Arnold Skoaland.

In still another Capitol Arena show, it was Dr. Jerry Graham, winning the main event from the local favorite, Red Bastien.

ALONG THE WRESTLING TRAIL

By Bette Krieger

The "Little Caeser" of wrestling promoters, Jack Peffer, who promotes independently from "The Manhattan Booking" enterprise, is in the promotion business for nigh over 35 years. Jack invaded New York wrestling territory with two top notch wrestlers, Ricki Starr, former ballet star, and the amazing Zuma. Both make the turnstiles click wherever they appear.

I am sorry to have to report that the "Graham Brothers" Eddie and Jerry, had come to the parting of the ways. The Graham team had been jinxed. Let me explain. Some time ago, a good working pair was the Shire Graham team. Working together, Roy and Jerry had what one would call perfect timing and showmanship. Then Roy left the team to wrestle on the West Coast as a single. Then Roy had found Ray Stevens, one of the cutest "Baby Face" blonde bomber type wrestlers, who also was a mat meanie. Roy and Ray joined up as a team and in territories where they are not known they do the brother bit. The Shire Brothers have won for themselves a great deal of respect as they go on to perhaps the coveted title in the "Southlands."

Rumor had it that Jerry Graham was to have teamed up with Waldeck (Killer) Kowalski. Fans expected this to be one of the toughest and most unruly teams since Mike and Ben Sharpe. However, Johnny Valentine informed TV sport commentator, Lonny Starr that a last minute change had been effected, and that he would now team up with Jerry Graham, and not "The Killer." Said Valentine: *"I think it will work good for us as a team, that Jerry, is a real crazy guy, he wants to win so bad, and does . . . we will make a very good working team."*

The sleeper holds originally used by the Japanese stars and the claw hold, another Japanese torture hold, are the main weapons of Verne Gagne and Don Curtis.

Some fans say that the Grahams were killers and that they are glad that the team has broken up as it has with Eddie going into business in Florida, leaving Jerry alone to wrestle solo.

Congratulations to Larry Chene, who won that beautiful Chrysler car for being the most popular wrestler in the Alabama territory. Nick Gulias, the well known and liked promoter, with co-promoter Roy Welch, are the ones who made it possible.

Those good old glorified matches in the early forties—

Let's go down memory lane—Promoter Toots Mondt brings into the Manhattan wrestling hot bed a youngster, blonde and good looking, now ace promoter up in Canada way, none other than the very quiet and reserved Stu Hart—When Gene (Mr. America) Stanlee became the idol of the fans from six to sixty-six, and the officers of the law had to escort him from the taxi to the dressing room of the arena he was working in, due to sheer admiration of his fans. The Golden Superman, who was a special favorite of the youngsters and who traveled in a golden Chrysler. . . .

Gorgeous George, the master of all showmanship, the original George Wagner, appears with his hair in a kerchief and bobby pins in hair, asked to be excused, because he wouldn't like the fans to see him in his kerchief. Remember the match between the Japanese star, Togo, and Gorgeous George. Gorgeous spraying and Togo praying—both wrestlers in gorgeous gowns . . . and showmanship prevailed —the arenas were packed to capacity. Those were the days.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS

By Gene Gordon

A large turnout in Charlotte's Park Center watched The Great Bolo and Larry (The Crusher) Hamilton add another win to their string of victories as the two dreaded mat meanies took two out of three falls over Cyclone Anoya and Johnny Foti. Enrique Torres returned after several months absence and won over colorful Ted Christy with an airplane spin. The popular Latin star had a very successful campaign while in Japan. His many fans gave him a hearty welcome here.

Ike Eakins, the rough and rowdy hillbilly from Harlan County, Ky. was too strong for clever Tito Carreon. A series of body slams softened up Carreon for the pin.

IN THE DAYS OF INJUNCTIONS

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How was this done? Through the use of injunctions and the power of the political bigwigs, the clubs were kept open though arrests were made. But seldom was a promoter imprisoned. Fines and warnings constituted the penalty.

Billy Gibson, who later managed champions Benny Leonard and Gene Tunney, was frequently arrested. When fisticuffs was considered a brutal game and the public, led by Dr. Parkhurst, the crusading preacher, kept the promoters on the run, Gibson led the fight to have the sport placed within the law. Week after week he had to appear in court and week after week he was released for "lack of evidence." He lost a fortune accrued from his profitable cafe business but stuck to his task.

Maurice Deiches, his legal advisor, had a stack of injunctions in his desk, fully prepared to serve each Tuesday and Friday nights when Billy staged his Fairmont Club shows. Each week Police Commissioner Theodore A. Bingham was served with a summons to appear before the Supreme Court to argue against the issuance of an injunction.

Many of the injunctions were argued before another crusader, Justice Samuel Seabury who later was instrumental in bringing about investigation of the City of New York. Most of the requests for an injunction against the police were made by Gibson, Brown and Buckley, who with their political influence, were often able to obtain a little help.

How did the injunctions read? Well, here's one that was granted to Billy Gibson by Justice Seabury to prevent interference with a show in which he had Abe Attell and Pal Moore headlined for November 30, 1910. Police Commissioner Bingham had warned Billy that he would prevent the show from being staged but Gibson, using his influence, defied the Commissioner.

Through his attorney, he appealed to Justice Seabury for an injunction and his lawyer proved to the satisfaction of the court that Gibson had arranged the show for his club members only and that no outsiders could purchase a ticket of admission. He submitted several hundred membership cards with names of some of New York's most prominent citizens, business men in all professions and this list satisfied Justice Seabury.

He granted the injunction, a copy of which appears in this issue with this article. In part it read:

"Theodore Bingham, Police Commissioner, John Flood, Police Inspector, Police Captains, all sergeants, lieutenants, roundsmen, patrolmen and all other officers of the Police Department under their command, are hereby enjoined and restrained from unlawfully and maliciously entering upon the premises of the plaintiff, the Fairmont Athletic Club, No. 251-253 East 137th Street, Borough of the Bronx, New York City or any portion thereof, to interfere with a membership boxing show which the plaintiff, Billy Gibson, president of the Fairmont Athletic Club, has arranged and at which Abe Attell, featherweight champion of the World and Pal Moore are to entertain said members."

It is further ordered that *"none of the police officers may enter the Fairmont Athletic Club premises without a warrant, with force or without permission for the purpose of making any arrests within the premises for an alleged misdemeanor not committed or attempted to be committed in their presence.*

"This injunction, however, does not prohibit the police officials from making arrests in any manner provided by law or from taking any lawful action to enforce the criminal law."

The fight was staged on the day scheduled and automobiles and taxis were lined up for three blocks on both sides of Third Avenue since the police refused to permit any to stop in the vicinity of the club house. Hundreds of members who had not applied for early reservations couldn't obtain admittance.

Those who did attend saw a sensational battle, one of the best of the membership era. Attell was dropped in the seventh round and Moore in the fourth but Abe handed his rival a bad beating.

The Police vs. Crusaders battles were kept up for many years until, with the aid of Senator Frawley and Assemblyman Marty McCue, a former boxer, the Frawley Law was passed making boxing legal. That law, which went into effect in 1911, permitted ten round bouts without decisions and under the supervision of a State Athletic Commission. It was repealed because of a graft scandal and between 1917 and 1920 when the Walker Law under which boxing is now staged, was passed, boxing was illegal and club membership affairs again went into effect.

The days of the court injunctions are over. No more do fight fans find it necessary to enter a club through a secret door. No longer do the minions of the law molest those who are eager to see a boxing match.

Unfortunately the promoters' worries to-day are not the police interference but the loss of fight fans due to television. Instead of fighting their way into a club and ducking the bluecoats. the spectators in this era of television sit comfortably at home and watch the bouts without paying for them. There aren't enough fans to keep the majority of promoters in business. That's where their worries emanate today.

Quite a contrast from the days of the club membership organizations.

NEWS FROM MONTREAL
By Wallace Brown

ANOTHER ACTION-PACKED BOXING PROGRAM was staged by promoter Jacques Chevrier at the Mont-St-Louis College before 1100 fans.

Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N. Y., made his debut a victorious one by disposing of Joey White at the 2:46 mark of the sixth round.

Bob Cleroux, 210, Montreal, kayoed Mickey Carter, 248, Birmingham, Ala. at the 2:05 mark of the second round. Billy Pickett, 157, New York City, disposed of Bobby Barnes, 157, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in three rounds.

Ronnie Cohen, 141½, New Rochelle, stopped Bruce Fletcher, 142, Montreal, in 2:12 of the third round for his seventh straight knockout victory. Claude Labonte, 141, Montreal, stopped Clifford Ford, 142½, Sherbrooke, in the second round.

Benito Favotta won a six round decision over Sherman Adams of Hartford, Conn.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

AT CARACAS:—LARRY PINEDA, NEW SENSATION FIGHTER of Philippines, 109, scored an impressive ten rounds decision over Ramon Arias, 111. A crowd that paid $30,000 saw the sensational bout in the Nuevo Circo.

Bantamweight Champ Nelson Estrada, 114, continued his excellent work, winning over Orlando Reyes, 115, of Cuba in ten rounds. Estrada floored Reyes once.

Ruben Valladares, 140, kayoed Marino Gonzalez, of Cuba in 1:58 of first round. The Cuban was downed with a powerful uppercut. He claimed a "foul" but Referee Jesus Rodil counted him out.

Carlos Rodriguez, 132, defeated Ovidio Almeida in eight rounds. Promising Julio Viana scored his sixth straight victory as a pro, defeating Enio Avendano in four. (Bantamweights).

▶ Caracas: Before a record crowd that paid $40,000, undefeated Tony Padron, 124¾, won the featherweight crown, beating Victor "Sonny" Leon, 124¼, in seven rounds. The official decision was a disqualification. Referee Luis Sulbaran halted this fight for rough tactics by Leon.

In other star bouts, ranking Ramon Arias, 112, won a rematch from Larry Pineda, 112¼, Philippines, in ten rounds.

Lightweight champion Vicente Rivas also was a winner. He defeated Cuban Angel "Robinson" Garcia in ten rounds.

Julio Viana, 114, scored another triumph, kayoing Pablo Gonzalez in 3 rounds. Viana has now seven straight decision victories, and five knockouts. Euclides Monasterios, 128, won on a TKO over Carlos Cavaniel in two rounds. Juan Algarin lost to Hector Criollo in 4.

AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA
By Don Elbaum

ERIE—JOHNNY BIZZARRO, LOCAL 136 POUND sensation, ran his winning streak to 14 when he won all six rounds from iron-jawed Ray Trotter in the main event at Cauley Auditorium.

Bizzarro, winner of 15 out of 16, could not add Trotter to his list of kayo victories. Johnny now has 12 KO's to his credit.

Undefeated Sonny Hill had a narrow escape with Levi Pearson of Miami Beach. Sonny's sharp combinations were too much for Levi and he won a spit duke.

Walter Turner, hard hitting Middletown, Ohio, middleweight and Marion Whitehead, round and a half. Whitehead had Turner in a helpless way when the referee, Johnny Seaman called a halt in 2:49 of the second round.

Tough Willie Parker, 149, Youngstown, stunned local boxing fans by getting off the floor in the first round to stop undefeated Frank Smith, 146, in :58 of the fourth round.

Rough Sam Peranick, 148, Hamilton, Ont., proved too rough for Johnny Howard, 140, and stopped him in 2:35 of the second round.

Ferenc Martinovich, 140, formerly of Hungary now fighting out of Pittsburgh, won by a sensational one round kayo over George Reid, veteran Detroit battler.

IN LATIN AMERICA

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO

By Mario Rivera

LOCAL MIDDLEWEIGHT GILBERTO BENEJAM, 162, returned to ring warfare after an absence of over two years when he faced heavily favored Lino Rendon, 158, of Cuba in the feature ten round event at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. After a brief exchange the Cuban found the range and proceeded to drop Benejam to the canvas on three occasions, prompting referee John Martin to call a halt at 2:21 of the first round.

Daniel Berrios, 135, made his pro debut a successful one by scoring a TKO over Valentin Viruet, 137. A cut eye prevented Viruet from going any further than the fourth round. The most impressive victory of the evening was scored by Juan Ramon Hernandez, 152, who pulverized Manuel (Chino) Torres, 154 after 1:16 of the second round. Hernandez, who has a potent left hook, dropped his opponent twice.

Jose A. Santiago, 135, outpointed Nestor de Jesus, 135, in four. Jesus M. Serrano, 122, edged Victor M. Sanchez, 126, in four.

▶ Boxers interested in seeing action here in Puerto Rico can contact this writer at Box 5385, Puerto de Tierra, P. R.

LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

JESUS "CHUCA" RODRIGUEZ, 132, GOT a very booed 12-round duke over veteran Fidel Lucero, 134. This match was a championship one with the Lightweight crown at stake. It was really a poor match with Lucero landing the best blows and young "Chuca" looking very green.

In the 10-round semi, Panchito Saldivar, 117, Monterrey, got the duke over fancy dancer Bernardo de la Cruz, 118, Mexico City. Jorge Gonzalez, 125, needed one round to freeze Jesus Martinez, 127. Luis Antunez, 130, bested Vicente Nunos, 132, in six. Gonzalo Rubio, 118, stopped Fernando Garcia, 117, in the first round.

▶ Three thousand fans packed the little house to see famous Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, high ranked man in THE RING and former National Bantamweight Champion. Looking slow and in very poor shape "Toluco" had enough to handle gallant Cain Rogero, 119. Rogero, a willing mixer, gave fine account of himself in the 10-rounder but he never was a real foe for the famous little Indian from Toluca.

Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 132, the young railway kid, was most unfortunate in his scheduled ten-rounder with veteran Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 135, for after being well ahead on points he suffered a bad fracture on his right fist in the seventh round and was forced to retire. Rios had floored Zorrito two times in the second heat.

Jorge Gonzalez, 125, stopped ChuChu Garcia, 124, in the first round; Jose "Ruso" Lopez, 124, outscored Pilo Moreno, 123, in six and Fernando Lopez, 1117, kayoed Hilario Ovalle, 118, in the second heat.

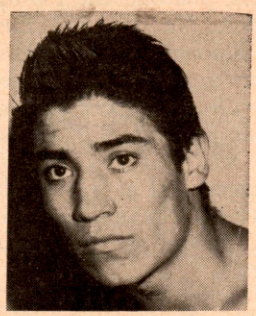
▶ Cosme Maldonado, 134, Mexico City, easily whipped Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 132, in ten rounds. Chuca visited the canvas twice. Gustavo Ohm, 126, kid brother of German Ohm, iced Pedro Rodriquez, 126, in one round. Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 130, kid brother of Fidel, Kayoed Luis Antunez, 132, in four. Jesus Martinez, 118, bested Beto Martinez, 119, in six. Gonzalo Rubio, 117, and Kildo Martinez, 118, made a 3-round no contest when the referee threw both out of the ring.

▶ VERACRUZ:—Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 122, outpointed Carlos "Marinerito" Celis, 123, after ten well-fought rounds. "Chilango" Sansores, 118, beat "Torito" Moreno, 118, in the 8-round match.

▶ PUEBLA:—Jesus "Nopal" Moron, 117, got the decision over Mario "Papelerito" Ortega, 116, after ten furious and fast heats. Pedro Romero, 117, kayoed Armando Diaz, 116, in the fifth round.

▶ COLIMA:—"Charro" Benavides, 132, decisioned Jesus Celes, 136, in ten. Manuel Moran, 120, defeated "Venadito" Lopez, 122, also in ten rounds.

▶ PUEBLA:—Gustavo Sosa, 119, outpointed Ernesto "Babe" Castañeda, 118, in ten rounds. Mario "Gorila" Aguilar, 132, stopped Lupe Contreras, 133, in the sixth.



Ricardo Moreno, "the little wild bull" from Mexico City who has scored four straight kayos on his recent comeback while fighting in the smaller towns. Ricardo, who started the latest era of Mexican box office attractions in the United States, is still hopeful that he can work his way back into the title picture and gain another chance at the featherweight crown.

▶ VERACRUZ: Veteran Eduardo "Chachorro" Meza, 128, gallant as always, halted young Leonel Perez, 127, in the fourth heat. Mario "Papelerito" Ortega, 115, flyweight champ of Veracruz State, drew with Gaby Beltran, 117, after ten rounds. Marino Kid, 126, kayoed Dario Zuñiga, 128, in the second round.

▶ COLIMA:—Baby Gutierrez, 131, upset favorite Manuel Jimenez, 128, Mexico City, in ten rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS:—"Chamaca" Perez, 118, halted "Chaparro" DeLeon, 119, in three rounds. "Ardilla" Garcia, 125, decisioned Ruben "Chato" Herrera, 126, in ten. "Sordomudo" Viesca, 124, embalmed Johnny Hernandez, 123, in the first round.

▶ CIUDAD VICTORIA:—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 145, national welter king, easily handled brave Usaldo "Chiquis" Ramires, 143, to score a clean cut decision after 10 rounds.

▶ PUEBLA:—Raul Reyes, 125, featherweight champ of Hildago State, stopped Jorge Salazar, 120, in seven rounds. Pedro Romero, 118, outscored Al Tinoco, 119, in eight.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Panchito Saldivar, 117, whipped "Torito" Lugo, 118, to get a clean 10 round decision. Fili Santiago, 125, stopped Jorge Vela, 124, in four. Roberto Dominguez, 119, bested Oscar Lugo, 118, in eight rounds.

▶ DURANGO:—Jorge Salazar, 117, the cute Durango southpaw, won a 10-round decision from Raul Leaños, 118.

▶ VERACRUZ:—Roberto "Cucaracho" Landa, 121, handled Carlos "Marinerito" Celis, 123, to a 10-round draw. "Chilango" Sansores, 118, and Alejandro Neri, 119, drew in 8.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 132, former national lightweight king, was too clever and wise for rough Angel Guerrero, 129, winning a 10-round decision. Alberto Martinez, 117, and Kid Sandoval, 118, drew after ten heats.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Ernesto Barrera, 117, iced Salvador "Sapo" Melendez, 114, in nine rounds. Frankie Silva, 121, got an 8-round draw with Fidel Cruz, 119.

▶ MONTERREY:—Gildo Vargas, 123, outpointed "Pollero" Garcia, 117, in ten rounds full of action. "Ardilla" Garcia, 124, beat "Zurdo" Zuñiga, 123, in the other tenner.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Elias "Gallito" Reyes, 126, got the 12-round decision over "Coneja" Hernandez, 126. Sabino Mendez, 120, decisioned "Chamaco" Perez, 118. Chuy Rodriguez Espinosa, 118, halted Baby Hinojosa, 119, in the fifth. "Sordomudo" Viesca, 125, kayoed Kid ValleHermoso, 122, in the first round.

▶ COLIMO:—Juanito Sanchez, 123, kayoed "Chamaco" Figueroa, 124, in six rounds. Salvador Lopez, 139, kayoed "Jaibo" Gutierrez, 136, in the second heat.

▶ TIJUANA:—Local prospect Sosimo "Toro" Saenz, 160, whipped "Pelon" Martinez, 158, in 8 furious rounds.

▶ CIUDAD VICTORIA:—"Ringo" Perez, 126, bested John Hermandez, 125, in ten rounds.

▶ JUAREZ:—Joe Louis Murphy, 158, Albuquerque, N. M., easily decisioned Ramon Hernandez, 160, in ten rounds. Marcelino Vargas, 137, outscored Juan Valles, 135, in six. Manuel Favela, 142, stopped Rogelio Cortes, 138, in the fifth.

▶ GUADALAJARA.:—Roberto Lopez, 118, bested Gonzalo Galan, 117, in ten heats. Pancho Macias, 126, kayoed Pancho Hernandez, 128, in two rounds.

▶ PUEBLA:—Jorge Schaffini, 130, halted Tony Sanchez, 133, in the sixth. Bernardo Perez, 116, defeated Miguel Diaz, 117, in ten rounds. Rogelio Perez, 118, and Mario Aguilar, 117, drew after 8. Nacho Duran, 115, outpointed Pepe Saldaña, 116, in six.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Juanito Ramirez, 128, the sensational featherweight kayoed tough veteran Rudy Coronado, 126, in nine rounds. Juanito floored his foe four times. In other tenner, Angel Coronado, 118, kid brother of defeated Rudy, got the duke over Roberto Mar, 117.

▶ OAXACA:—Rafael "Torito" Mota, 115, decisioned Miguel Ulloa, 115, in ten fast rounds. Chucho Cansino, 127, upset Javier "Pelirrojo" Vazquez, 126, in eight heats.

▶ MONTERREY:—Mauro Vazquez, 136, from Tlaxcala, floored gallant Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 135, Venezuela, S. A., three times and kayoed the South American in the fourth round. In the other tenner, Victor Manuel Rodriguez, 122, outpointed "Ardilla" Garcia, 121.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Reyes Lopez, 133, outscored "Jaibo" Carranza, 136, in ten rounds. Juanito "Acorazado" Lopez, 125, whipped Luis Brito, 126, also in a ten rounder.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Lauro Garcia, 124, put the red light to Jose Lomeli, 125, in the fifth round. Fidencio Ramirez, 134, upset Kid Roma, 136, kid brother of national champ Alfredo Urbina.

▶ OBERGON:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 148, won a ten round unanimous decision over Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145. In other tenner, Antonio Gutierrez, 135, bested veteran Lucio "Borrachito" Gonzalez, 133, La Laguna.

▶ PUEBLA:—Carlos Solis, 117, stopped Jose Peña, 119, in two rounds. Gustavo Sosa, 118, nailed Nicolas Flores, 116, in three rounds. Armando Diaz, 118, kayoed Manolo San Juan, 120, in four.

▶ OAXACA:—Luis "Indio" Conde, 128, kayoed Nacho Dominguez, 127, in the eighth. Rolando Mendoza "Ventarrow II", 129, stopped Tabaquito Kid, 133, in the third.

▶ TIJUANA:—Ramon Hermandez, 160, easily whipped inexperienced Sosimo "Toro" Saenz, 159, in eight heats.

▶ JUAREZ:—Roberto "Perro" Hermandez, 125, kayoed Silvino "Baby" Rodriguez, 124, in two rounds. Tony Ortiz, 123, cute, fancy dancer and slippery as always, decisioned Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 119, in other ten rounder.

▶ PUEBLA:—Roberto Ortega, 133, lightweight champion of Puebla State, stopped challenger Jorge Schaffini, 134, in four rounds. "Chamaco" Jimenez, 118, kayoed Fidel Salcedo, 117, in the fifth.

▶ DURANGO:—Hector Garcia, 130, got a split ten round duke over Raul Anchondo, 135, Chihuahua topnotcher. Ignacio "Tun-Tun" Torres, 119, stopped Ismael Gutierrez, 118, in the third heat.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Jose Becerra, 122, bantamweight champion of the world, stopped gallant and brave Walter Ingram, 121, the referee stopping the massacre in the ninth round. While Becerra was acclaimed by the fans, the unfortunate Walt Ingram suddenly went down on the canvas. The doctors took Ingram to the Mexican-English Hospital, where he died.

Rafael "Torito" Mota, 116, decisioned Roberto Mar, 115, in the 10-round semi; Miguel Ulloa, 115, outscored veteran Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 118, in eight heats.

▶ MONTERREY:—The officials awarded George Price, 157, Houston, with a 9-round technical decision over Alfonso Flores, 161, national middleweight champion. Price butted Flores in the ninth round, cutting the champ's eyebrow. Accordingly with our rules, it must be a disqualification for Price. But officials did the contrary when they ordered the referee to stop the fight and give Price the triumph. In the other tenner, Carlos Macias, 145, decisioned Paco Castro, 149.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Alex Arenas, 134, kayoed Chucho Mejia, 135, in three rounds. Felix Padilla, 115, stopped Kid San Martin, 121, in seven.

▶ OAXACA:—Baby Tinajero, 114, easily whipped Ramon "Torbellino" Sanchez, 117, in ten rounds. Caro Bibi, 122, and Arturo Fierro, 121, drew after eight rounds.

▶ CHIHUAHUA:—The big upset of the year: Alfredo Urbina, 135, National Lightweight Champion, scored his most valuable triumph when he stopped Alfredo Nevarez, 136, in the sixth round. Nevarez refused to leave his corner in that round. Polin Ramirez, 126, kayoed Mario Moreno, 126, in the second. Lupe Ochoa, 141, halted Pilar Holguin, 144, in three rounds.

▶ TEPIC:—David Cervantes, 147, had to work very hard to get a split ten round duke over such "Diamante Negro" (Black Diamond), 149.

▶ JUAREZ:—Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 128, stopped Luis "Mananitas" Sanchez, 128, in three rounds. Carlos Ayala, 144, bested Manuel Favela, 143, in six rounds.

▶CIUDAD VICTORIA:—Another picnic for the wild Indian! Yes sir, Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 120, went ahead with his "easy-ones" when he kayoed Elias "Gallito" Reyes, 127, in only two rounds.
▶ACAPULCO:—Fidel Cruz, 117, outscored Tiburgio "Tibico" Torres, 116, in ten. Chucho Rodriguez, 115, halted Aurelio Zarate, 118, in the eighth.
▶GUADALAJARA:—Ruben Cadena, 134, easily whipped Jesus Celes, 136, in ten heats.
▶MONTERREY:—Tony Lopez, 135, kayoed Kid Filipino (Pascual Jimenez), 132, in only three rounds. "Indio" Ramos, 126, stopped Hector Ramirez, 128, in four rounds.

BOXING IN URUGUAY
By Mario LaPlume

PALACIO PENAROL: Jupiter Mansilla, Uruguay, decisioned Hurbieta Sosa in ten.
Jorge Fiordelmondo, Uruguay, outpointed Roberto Veliz, Argentina, 6. Alvarestino de los Santos, Uruguay, drew with Juan C. Quiroga, Argentina, in 6. Julio Perez, Uruguay, decisioned Mario Clavel, Paraguay, in 6.

▶Palacio Penarol: Gregorio Peralta, Uruguay, kayoed Andres Villalba, Argentina, in 2.
Hector Suarez, Uruguay, drew with Oscar Vargas, Argentina, in ten. Ramon Torena, Uruguay, drew with Hector Tula, Argentina, in 6. Gualberto Fernandez, Uruguay, kayoed Eduardo Mino, in 4.

▶Palacio Penarol: Santos Pereyra, Uruguay, decisioned Vicente Derado, Argentina, in 10.
Walter Villanueva, Uruguay, kayoed Sixto Figueroa, Argentina, in 6. Jorge Fiordelmondo, Uruguay, kayoed Ambrosio Gomez, Paraguay, in 2. Antonio Dos Santos, Uruguay, decisioned Marcelino Bazan, Argentina, in 4.

▶Palacio Penarol: Juan C. Comini, Uruguay, kayoed Juan B. Burgues, Uruguay, in 3.
Roberto Rebollo, Uruguay, drew with Oscar Vargas, Argentina, in 8. Walter Garin, Uruguay, kayoed Cecilio Serantes, Argentina, in 3. F. Stella Magarinos, Uruguay, kayoed Juan Tarragona, Argentina, in 2.

▶Palacio Penarol: Ricardo Falech, Argentina, kayoed Miguel Salazar, Argentina, in 3.
Ramon Torena, Uruguay, drew with Hector Tula in 6. Jorge Fiordelmondo, Uruguay, kayoed Manuel Rojas, Chile, in 2. Quintino Soares, Uruguay, kayoed Alberto Melle, Argentina, in 2.

▶Palacio Penarol: Jupiter Mansilla, Uruguay, kayoed Jose Palma, Chile, in 10.
Nelson Enrigque, Uruguay, kayoed Sixto Figueroa, Argentina, in 4. Walter Rodriguez, Uruguay, kayoed Edmundo Sozzi, Argentina, in 3. Gregorio Hollmann, Argentina, kayoed Rene Fernandez, Uruguay, in 1.

COLOMBIA BOXING NEWS
By Luis A. Bello

CARTAGENA.—October 21 at the Circo Teatro (Bullfight Ring), Ruben Valladares, 153, from Maracaibo, Venezuela, decisioned Luis Mallarino, 149, from Cali, Columbia. Mallarino asserted in the third round that he was fouled but it was not allowed. The preliminary matches were all amateur boxers.
▶October 25 at the same place, one of the largest turnouts in recent years saw new idol Antonio Herrera, 124, outscore veteran Fernando Tejedor (Kid Colombia)—126, they both are from this city. It was an unanimous decision. Herrera has won seven fights in a row.
▶October 23 at Barranquilla, a nearby city, Luis Castaneda, 137 and Mario Rossito, 138, fought for the lightweight championship of Colombia. 3,000 were on hand to see the match that was halted in the sixth round because of rain. They were fighting at open Municipal Stadium. Castanada was defending his title. No decision was rendered.

BOXING IN BRITISH GUIANA
By George Beckles

GEORGETOWN FOOTBALL GROUNDS:—FITZROY WHYTE, 156, leading British Guiana middleweight, edged out Clem Winchester, 154, of Trinidad. It was a close battle throughout the ten rounds.
Cyclone Kid, 136, British Guiana, lost on points to Flash Gordon, 140½, of Barbados, over ten rounds. Douglas Armstrong was again a winner, this time over George Campbell, stopping him in the third round. Kid Ralph drew in four rounds with Young Braddock. Cleveland Bagot stopped Jose Primo in the second round.
▶Wrightson Road Stadium, Trinidad:—Cyril Shaw, British Guiana promoter, and Cyril LeBrun, Trinidad promoter combined to put on a grand boxing festival.
Cesaer Barrow, 134, Guiana's leading lightweight, knocked out Kid Chocolate, 135, feather and lightweight champion of Aruba, Dutch West Indies, in the second round of a return bout. Barrow had earlier won a decision. Both fighters were down in the first round, but in the second a hard right to the chin sent the Kid down for the full count.
Fitzroy Whyte, 160, British Guiana, outpointed Carl Baker, 160, a substitute, in a ten round bout. Johnny DePeiza, 134½, won a ten rounder from veteran James Harper, 132½.
Cedric Jacobs, 129, came back from an eight year lay-off, to outpoint Aubrey Venus, 131, in a six-rounder.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES: AT THE LUNA PARK RING, lightheavyweight Rodolfo Diaz outpointed over Carlos Paiva in 10 rounds and undefeated Guillormo Dutschmann won in 10 rounds over Justo Benitez.
▶CORDOBA: Tristan Falfan stopped Jose Del Pino in three.
▶BAHIA BLANCA: At the ring of "Salon de los Deportes", Hector Quijada lightweight kayoed Pedro Cardenas in three.
▶MENDOZA: Ex-Argentina middleweight champion Andres Selpa outpointed Alfredo Yacanto in 10 rounds.
▶ROSARIO: At the ring of "Norte" stadium, Miguel Saliadarre won on points in 10 over Rodolfo Romero. They are welters.
▶ROSARIO: At the "Sud" stadium, new prospect in the lightweight class, Ivan Zencich outpointed Omar Vivanco in 10 rounds.
▶MAR DEL PLATA: Undefeated middleweight Mario Tarzetti kayoed Americo Cordoba in 3 at the "Bristol" ring.
▶LAPLATA: In the welter division, Arturo Gonzlez, local champion, kayoed Alfredo Sozzi in 8.
▶SALTA: Lightweight Gustavo Montenegro drew in 10 with Ovidio Mendoza. Flyweight prospect Demetrio Carabajal stopped Luis Salvatierra in 6.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, undefeated Argentine lightweight champion Jaime Gine outpointed Miguel A. Pendola in 10.
▶BUENOS AIRES: Featherweight Aldo Gamboa, at the Luna Park ring, stopped Pedro Miranda in 9.
▶TUCUMAN: In the flyweight class, Juan Romo outpointed Walter Gallegos in 10.
▶ROSARIO: At the "Norte" stadium, undefeated featherweight Hugo Rambaldi outpointed Raul Villalba in 10.
▶MENDOZA: Argentine welterweight champion Federico Thompson stopped Francisco Sotelo in 3.
▶CORDOBA: Andres Selpa, twice winner over Eduardo Lausse, outpointed Alejandro Gallardo in 10.
▶BAHIA BLANCA: Carlos Vasquez, in the lightheavyweight class, won by a T.K.O. in six over Horacio Ferrari.
▶NECOCHEA: In the lightweight division, Gumersindo Rajoy drew in 10 rounds with Ruben Cabrera.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, ex-feather champion Alfredo Bunetta, won in ten rounds over Roberto Lobos, of Chile.
▶MAR DEL PLATA: In the middleweight division at the "Bristol" ring, Ubaldo Sacco drew in 10 rounds with Estenban Caprani.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the ring of Luna Park stadium, Carlos Rodriguez, challenger to the flyweight crown, outpointed Jose Palma, of Chile, in 10.
▶CONCORDIA: Ramon Perello outpointed Victor Castano in 10. They are middleweights.
▶LA PLATA: Hard puncher "Rocky" Rivero, making a comeback, won by a T.K.O. in second round over Bernardo Romero.
▶MENDOZA: In the lightweight division, Juan Campos drew in 10 rounds with Nicolino Loche.
▶BAHIA BLANCA: At the "Salon de los Deportes", Antonio Murano outpointed Eduardo Zalazar in 10. Lightweights.
▶CORDOBA: For the local lightweight title, Tristan Falfan outpointed Hugo Juarez in 12.
▶SAN JUAN: At the ring of "Federation Sanjuanina de Box", Elio Ripoll drew in 10 rounds with Rogelio Andre. Lightweights.
▶MAR DEL PLATA: Welter prospect Jorge J. Fernandez kayoed Omar Peppi in 6.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, undefeated lightweight champion of Argentina Jaime Gine won on points in an intensely disputed contest over Orlando Zulueta of Cuba.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring Julio Palavecino drew in 10 rounds with Amorindo Amicuzzi. Featherweights.
▶SAN LUIS: Humberto Barbatto drew in 10 rounds with Rogelio Andre. Lightweights.
▶Lightweight Miguel Herrera outpointed Horacio Moyano in 10. Lightweight Ricardo Jofre drew in 10 rounds with Juan Campos.
▶TUCUMAN: In a hard fought welter bout, Juan Carlos Velardez and Ramon Paz drew in 10 rounds.
▶ROSARIO: At the "Sud" stadium, welterweight Juan C. Delujan Flores kayoed Santos B. Pereyra in 4.
▶LA PLATA: In the "Atenas" ring, lightweight Adam Gomez won by a T.K.O. in four over San Jose Del Pino and welterweight Arturo Gonzalez drew in 10 with Alberto Jabib.
▶SAN FRANCISCO (Cordoba): Featherweight, Cornelio Yapura of Bolivia outpointed Roberto Nunez in 10 rounds.
▶SALTA: Undefeated lightheavyweight, a good prospect for the Argentine vacant title, Farid Salim, kayoed Julio Caminos in 3.
▶CORDOBA: Welterweight Angel Ahumada outpointed Silvio Frias in 10.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, ex-feather champion Manuel Alvaraz, now a lightweight, drew in 10 rounds with hard puncher Pedro Benelli.
▶BUENOS AIRES: At the Luna Park ring, undefeated welterweight Francisco Quinteros, a good prospect, won by a T.K.O. in eight over Alejandrino Rojas. In the welter class, Juan Carlos Ducay drew in 10 with Mario Basualdo.

BOXING IN BRAZIL
By Walter Quiroga

Ibirapuera Stadium:—Fernando Barreto, Brazilian welterweight champion, stopped Uruguayan Ruben de los Santos in the four round, Santos being dropped twice.
Dionisio Gauto of Argentina outpointed Mario dos Santos of Brazil in ten rounds. Antonio Fernandez and Sebastiao Raimundo drew in six. Ricardo Zumbano knocked out Geraldo Marquez in the fifth round.
◀Ibirapuera Stadium:—Angel Bustos of Argentina knocked out Kioshi Miura, Japanese bantamweight champion, in the eighth round. A butt closed the right eye of Miura in the fifth. It was a series of hard hooks to the head which finally finished the Japanese fighter.
Brazilian Sebastiao Raimundo outpointed Victor Sanchez of Argentina in eight rounds. Felicio de Oliveira decisioned Geraldo Gama in six rounds. Luis Carlos dos Santos outpointed Nelson de Oliveira in six rounds.
◀Ibirapuera Stadium:—Japanese welterweight champion Jiro Sawada outpointed Julio Dartuqui in ten rounds.
Brazilian Oripes dos Santos and Argentinian Dionisio Gauto drew in ten rounds. Antonio Pereira decisioned Fernando de Oliveira in six rounds. Ricardo Zumbano and Antonio Fernandez drew in six rounds.
◀Ibirapuera Stadium:—Eder Jofre, Brazilian bantamweight champion knocked out Angel Bustos of Argentina in the third round. A terrific right to the head dropped Bustos for a five count and then aonther hard right cross stopped him for keeps.
Paulo Sacoman, middleweight, knocked out Aristides Pinto in the tenth round. Benedito Paulino outpointed Cecilio Alem in six rounds. Lindolfo Alves won over Paulo Vitor in six rounds.
◀Ibirapuera Stadium:—Sebastiao Nacimiento, Brazilian featherweight champion, knocked out Brazilian Oripes dos Santos in the eighth round of one of the fiercest battles waged in Brazil in years. The fight was a series of knockdowns, Nacimiento being dropped in the first, dos Santos in the second. Hard crosses to the head finished dos Santos in the eighth.
Jaconias Amorin and Luis Carlos dos Santos drew in an eight rounder. Claudio de Jesus outpointed Benedito Paulino in six rounds. Walter Gomez de Moraes won over Nelson de Oliveria in six.

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LADEZ-Z-Z 'N' GENT-LE-MEN

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fighters. Inevitably one would be the "game and aggressive West Sider." Another was sure to be a "pugilistic product" of somewhere. A visitor was always the "idol" of his home town. In a title match, the champion never failed to meet "the worthy challenger."

Joe did develop one little distinctive feature in his announcing. If, in giving out a fighter's weight, there was a half-pound involved, Joe would bellow "and a hawf." In time, he didn't bother to announce the fraction. He would slice the air with his right arm and that would be the signal for the galleryites to chorus "and a hawf."

We recall Humphreys spending most of one afternoon practicing the Spanish pronounciation of "Luis Angel Firpo" to use that night when he introduced the burly Argentino for his bout with Bill Brennan in Madison Square Gardent. Painstakingly, Joe rehearsed "*Loo-ees . . . Ong-hail . . . Feer-po*" until he was satisfied he had it right. All his conscientious efforts went for naught, however, when he clambered into the ring for the pre-fight introduction. Presenting Firpo, Humphreys boomed out in his purest East Sidese: "*Loo-ee Ain-jell Foi-po.*"

It was during the "club membership" days and the era of the Frawley law that New York came up with one of the most colorful collections of announcers the sport probably has ever produced at one time.

Humphreys was one of that crowd. Another was Peter Prunty, who, incidentally, is still alive at 92, but long since retired from public life. Prunty had been a choir singer in his youth, and his trilling tenor voice never seemed to lose its musical quality.

Before he turned to managing fighters, Charley Harvey was official announcer at the old Broadway Athletic Club. When he left, Johnny Dunn replaced him. "The Human Brass Band" they called Dunn because of the strange noises emanating from his lusty larynx.

It was no uncommon thing in those days for promoters and matchmakers in the neighborhood clubs to do their own barking. One of the most entertaining was Jim Buckley, who operated the little Sharkey A. C., around the corner from the St. Nicholas Arena.

Buckley was a serious-minded sort and couldn't stand criticism. Realizing his sensitive nature, the New York boxing writers, particularly Tad Dorgan of the Evening Journal, took fiendish delight in ruffling his feelings. In reporting fight results at the Sharkey, they'd manage to slip in a line or two finding fault with some little thing at the club, and at the next show Buckley would be certain to answer it in person from the ring.

There was the time that Dorgan suggested Buckley get a new ring canvas. The one he had was old and worn, full of holes and patches. "*Some night some fighter will catch his foot and break a leg,*" wrote Tad.

The following week Buckley climbed into the ring, glared at Dorgan, cleared his throat and announced:

"*For the benefit of them as calls themselves newspapermen and don't like the canvas in this ring, I am arranging to import a brand-new Persian rug.*"

The "feud" between Buckley and the press continued apace, and when Jim read in one of the papers that his club was a hangout for "questionable characters," he really exploded. At his next show he roared from the ring: "*Everybody watch your valuables. We have pickpockets and newspapermen present.*"

One of the most memorable announcements we recall was unloaded by the late Phil Lewis, then promoting at the Lyceum Theatre in Paterson, N. J.

Business hadn't been too good for Phil, and this night he brought in a world champion, middleweight Mike O'Dowd, to meet journeyman Billy Kramer. It figured to be a good attraction for Paterson, but it wasn't. Not even a title-holder was a sufficient inducement to attract the natives. Before the fight started, Lewis addressed the few scattered customers. Fortunately, there were no women present, and Phil was quite at liberty to express himself without inhibitions:

"*Gent lemens, I been tryin' to bring youse the best fights I kin git. Tonight I'm bringin' youse a woild's champeen. But the house is lousy and this !*?!#"*?!*—pointing to Kramer—"*held me up for more money. Just so's I won't disappoint youse, I'm givin' it to him. Now, if this ?*#"?!*?!*!—and he glared at O'Dowd—"*don't knock out this *?!*#*?!*?!*—pointing again to Kramer—"*he ain't gonna git paid!*"

To avoid further verbal violence by Lewis, O'Dowd obligingly flattened Kramer in the third.

Yes, indeed, this announcing business ain't what it used to be. It's become too !*?!**#?!"*?! refined.

FROM OUR READERS

(*Continued from page 5*)

ing about himself, and all of us old timers know it.

And secondly, I want to go on record as saying that Tunney never did defeat Dempsey.

But not long ago my nephew rented a motion picture camera and the old fight films from the Sutcliffe Co. in Louisville, Kentucky, and we ran the Dempsey-Tunney fights again and again.

And I was amazed to see Dempsey chase Tunney all over the ring until Gene's defensive tactics grew disgusting to watch.

As for the "long count" in the second fight, Jack really knocked Gene limber.

When Tunney went down, he was facing the camera and he was glassy eyed and besides he sprawled like a stiff with one leg under him and one arm draped over the lower rope.

That was the most decisive knockout of all times.

Howard Ehalt
New Albany, Ind.

NO SHAME WHATSOEVER

The Ring:

In answer to Robert M. Ellis gripe in December issue, I have been reading The Ring for some time. I also attend wrestling matches and watch them on TV and I do not agree with him in any way.

I have seen girls in bathing suits, also in wrestling attire. In either one or in long dresses, they conduct themselves as ladies in every respect. Women use mud packs to beautify their faces. Why not their bodies. I am 65 years old and have never seen any photographs of girl wrestlers that were offensive.

Mrs. R. H. Thornby
Pocatillo, Idaho

IT'S A PUZZLEMENT

Dear Sir:

I have always had the opinion that the "World's Heavyweight Championship Title" (recognized by the N.W.A.) should be something to be proud of and to be honored with *clean* sportsmanship.

Dick Hutton won the title from Lou Thesz in November of 1957. Hutton was everything *BUT* what a champion should be. He was nicknamed "The Rope Champion" in this area.

Pat O'Connor won the title in January of 1959. Last winter, he seemed to be a very fast wrestler, also he was a clean wrestler. I thought we had a *REAL* Champion but apparently I was wrong. We have had two Championship bouts since the wrestling season opened in the Kansas and Missouri areas, late in September of this year. They were with men who are known to be *CLEAN* wrestlers—Lou Thesz—Cowboy Bob Ellis. There was no call for dirty tactics but just the same, Pat O'Connor started to dish out plenty to them. What do we have to do to have a *REAL* Champion?

Miss Peggy Goff
Independence, Missouri

TOM SHARKEY ROBBED IN JEFFRIES FIGHT?

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Finnegan went out in one.

A month later Jeff met Jim Corbett in their famous 23 round fight in Coney Island, in which Corbett's legs gave out.

Sharkey had mended his ribs by February 13, 1900, when he stopped Joe Goddard in four rounds in Philadelphia.

JEFF'S INJURED LEFT MADE HIM LOOK BAD

The success of the movies of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson City in 1897 had made fight fans flicker daffy. The movie people did a fine job in filming the Jeffries-Sharkey fight.

When the pictures were shown in New York, those who felt that Siler had bilked Tom insisted that the movies backed them up 100 percent.

Billy Brady, Jeff's manager, must have had his doubts as to whether the flickers would back up the referee. He refused to see the first showing, but did view the pictures later in Chicago, and came out with a statement that the screen proved conclusively that Jeffries had won.

The truth of it was that the movies failed to show Jeffries in an impressive role. He had injured an already bad left hand in training, and this had forced a week's postponement of the fight.

Jeff did not score much with the left at Coney and the movies played this up, creating fresh furore at the expense of Siler. George continued to insist that the Sharkey claims dumbfounded him and the imputations concerning his honesty were scandalous.

In reminiscing about the fight for The Ring Magazine, Jeffries said that he had been advised by a doctor to have the left arm placed in a cast, and not to do any fighting for six months. But he insisted on going through with the Sharkey contract.

While training for Sharkey, Jeff hurt the arm again when he was hit by a medicine ball thrown playfully by the wrestler Ernest Roeber, who was a member of Jeff's entourage.

The medicine ball dislocated the left elbow, and in putting it in place, Roeber was more or less effective, but thoroughly inexpert.

"I figured I had just one good punch in that left when I faced Sharkey that chilly night at Coney Island," Jeff recalled.

"I felt that I would have to let Tom have that one punch early in the fight. I spotted an opening in the second round and let go. Tom hit the deck. But he bounced right up again. I had hurt my left more than I had damaged Sharkey and for the rest of the fight I had to punch with the right, only. No wonder I looked bad in the motion pictures."

At this point Sharkey joined Jeffries in the fanning bee.

JEFFRIES FIGURED TOM TO BE CINCH

"You know I figured Tom a cinch," Jeff went on. *"I sure felt like one when you busted my ribs,"* joined in Tom, *"but I felt better after I got over that clout on your nose in the ninth, remember?"*

"Should say I do," replied the big fellow, *"saw cobwebs for a minute."*

'When I climbed into the ring that night," continued Jeff, *"Sharkey's billowy chest didn't scare me one bit. I had trained for weeks and trained hard. When the bell rang I went in to finish it quickly but before the end of the second round I knew that Tom could not only protect himself, but could sock. I watched Tom closely and at the end of each round he would go to his corner looking all het up and plumb tired. That would make me feel that I had him going and I would start the next with a rush. But Tom came up, feeling the same as I did and we'd bang away for another round.*

"Those lights they rigged up to take moving pictures with were terrible. You'd feel all in anyway. Tom would bounce one off your head and those lights added to it to make you feel miserable. I'm sure the fans got a run for their money that night. If they didn't I don't know what they would want! Siler gave me the decision after 25 rounds. That fight stands out as the most terrible one of my career."

Then Tom gave his version. *"I figured I could knock Jeff off easy. My idol, John L. Sullivan, had told me that I would be champion of the world some day and I believed everything John L. said. I was cocksure and confident of winning the championship that night. I hit Jeff with everything I had everytime I hit and I hit as often as I could flay my arms around. I had trained too and I was in great condition, the best of my career.*

"Honestly, I just itched before the first bell to clout him one and see how he would take it. I didn't think he would take it because I wanted to put everything I had in a punch and I did. But he took it and gave me plenty. Before the first bell I kept saying to myself: 'Tom, you'll be the champ after this fight, let him have it.' I kept repeating that to myself even during the rounds and in the waits but Jeff must have been saying something to himself.

"You know I knocked out those coast fellows, Jack Langley, Rough Thompson, Billy Tate, Sailor Brown and Nick Burley. That gave me a lot of confidence and when I got Jeff I really felt I could knock him over."

Jeffries then came back into the conversation. *"The most terrible thing that happened in that fight was the charge against Siler, a great referee and an honest man. They accused him of robbing Sharkey. I don't know what made so many of the spectators turn against me."*

The questions now have to be answered, once and for all time.

Did Siler rob Sharkey of the heavyweight championship of the world?

Was the referee guilty of straying from the straight and narrow?

Was Siler guilty of poor judgment and could he have been upset by the beating he took from the lights?

There is no basis for the charge that Siler had been fixed.

There may be some grounds for the belief that Siler pulled a rock.

The Ring Detective rules that, in any event, Sharkey was entitled to a draw.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE
By Johnny Seubert

CIVIC AUDITORIUM:—JOEY LIMAS, 139, won a ten round unanimous decision from Flory Olguin, 142, in a bruising battle. Both are from Albuquerque.

Joe Louis Murphy, 150, Albuquerque, and Harold Hutchinson, 146, Phoenix, slugged it out to a six round draw. Joey Olguin, 131, Albuquerque, kayoed Paul Chalmers, 126, Las Cruces, in the third round.

Freddy Garcia, 163, Costilla, N. M., won a six round decision from Billy McDonald, 163, Albuquerque. Art Sedillo, 147, Las Vegas, kayoed Al Andrews, 153, Phoenix, in three.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

THE CHARLES CENTER BOXING CLUB once again presented the Baltimore boxing fans three eight rounders in order to uncover future top billing talent at the coliseum.

In a return bout Joe Salci, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., avenged his only loss in eleven pro starts when he came up with a split decision over Johnny Gilden in a welterweight match. In their first encounter Gilden won a split verdict.

Don Braun, Maryland welterweight champion, won his second in a row after a two year absence from the ring. Braun gave his foe, Cornelius "Killer" McPaul, a real body thumping, although Don had to survive a knockdown in the 4th round.

Earl Clemons, Baltimore welterweight, looked like an easy winner over Jimmy Biggs of Washington, D. C., only to find the split verdict going to Biggs in the other eight.

Tommy Curtis stopped Kid Beechnut in the third round of a lightweight mill.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE PASSING PARADE . . . Two old time boxers and a sports personality passed away during November. Al Rogers, who fought all the top middleweights 35 years ago, died at the age of 70, while Gus Hart, who boxed as a featherweight passed away at 71. Herb Sturm head usher at Memorial Auditorium since its opening in 1940, died at 67.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL ARMORY:—FLOYD BUCHANAN, 159, a transplanted Californian now making St. Paul his home, employed a long left jab to win a unanimous decision over Jim Sargent, 159, Peoria.

Denny Nelson, 128, St. Paul, knocked out Jim Harris, 129, Peoria, in the fourth. Lee Ballard, 161, St. Paul, outpointed Dick Cotten, 156, Rochester, 4.

Aaron Lancman, 135, St. Paul, outpointed Dick Roosevelt, 133½, Peoria. Bob Anderson, 144, Minneapolis, knocked out Joe Ruiz, 148, St. Paul, in the first.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . . The up and coming young Cardiff featherweight Phil Jones, 128¼, made it 18 straight wins, when he readily outpointed Eric Brett, Retford, 128½, in eight. The taller Jones, picked his well timed punches to keep the aggressive Brett at a distance . . . Tony Mancini, Notting Hill, 143¾, seemed to be a clear winner against Terry Lake, Morden, 143, but the referee thought otherwise and declared them "Even Stephen" after six hard rounds . . . Brian Whiting, Lewisham, 174, had to fight hard for his points win over Fred Clapton, Islington, 175, in six . . . Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 138, outpointed Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 136¼, in six . . . Vic Long, Hayes, 125, outpointed Len Crawley, Camberwell, 126¾, in six.

▶ READING . . . Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 121, turned the tables in his favour, when he reversed a points defeat against Don Braithwaite, Caerphilly, 114½, by forcing the referee to intervene during the fifth, when the latter regained his feet after a clean knockdown, and was in no condition to defend himself . . . Billy Underwood, Hainault, 147½, was a worthy points winner over Terry Thompson, Bournemouth, 147, in a hard fought six . . . Fred Collins, Chingford, 148½, outpointed Joe Ceroni, Hungerford & Italy, 148½, in a thrilling six . . . Johnny Arrow, Richmond, 138, outpointed Johnny Redmond, Bournemouth, 138, in six . . . Johnny Chapman, Basingstoke, 196, and Cliff Purnell, Bath, 194, heavyweight bout ended in the third, when the latter was disqualified for persistent holding . . . Bernard Hart, Eltham, 145, narrowly outpointed Don Symons, Bellingham, 143½, in six . . .

▶ BRISTOL . . . Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161¾, was credited with points win by referee Dick Burt against Stan Cullis, Bristol, 161¾, at the end of their hectic eight round battle . . . First one then the other took the lead. They almost fought themselves to a standstill coming up for the final round, and the clean hitting of Gormley gave him the edge and the decision . . . Don Cosheril, Alderney, 120¼, and Dennis East, Plaistow, 120½, fought an interesting eight to a draw . . . Kenny Thomas, Islington, 129, was a clear winner over Peter Hegarty, Bristol, 122, in six . . . Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 122½, outpointed Mickey Marsh, Bath, 124, in six . . . Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 146, stopped Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 147¼, in the fourth, after the latter had received a badly cut eye . . . Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160, repeated his previous points win, when he outpointed John Plenty, Bristol, 166½, in six.

▶ LEICESTER . . . Ron Barton, West Ham, former British cruiserweight champion, 175¼, continued his comeback with a two round win over Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 157½. Barton showed his class in the second round after he had received a left hook to the head which gave him a bad cut on the eyebrow. He tore into the Brum with a volley of punches. A short right to the jaw had Corbett down for "nine", it was followed by another such count in which Corbett showed much gameness, and it was the quick action of referee Austin O'Connor in stopping the bout, that saved Corbett of further damage . . . I am sure that with better opposition, Barton will be able to climb back as the leading cruiserweight in Great Britain. A match with Chic Calderwood of Scotland would be a worthy top-liner on any card . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 157, retained his Midlands Area middleweight title with clear cut points win over Derek Liversidge, Retford, 151, in twelve . . . Ebe Mensah, Nigeria, 138¾, had to pull out all his experience to gain a points win over a fellow Nigerian. Ola Michael, 143¾, in eight . . . Don Cox, Market Harborough, 182, knocked out Stan Davis, Walsall, 220, in the third . . . Razza Bailey, Coventry, 176¼, knocked out Brian Keen, Manchester, 177, in the third . . . Eddie Donnelly, Coventry, 148, knocked out Brian Hunt, Worksop, 150, in the second . . . Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, 121, outpointed Roy Lake, Morden, 117, in six . . . Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 134¾, outpointed Maurice Daniels, Trinidad, 133¾, in six.

▶ WEMBLEY . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 126, bow-legged, with a bundle of energy, always going forward, outpointed Brian Jago, Tottenham, 127½, in a fast hitting eight . . . in the seventh, Jago was fought to a standstill from the fists of the fast hitting "Blade", he took a count of "nine" and looked all but beaten, for he came back with a flurry of blows that had Calvert on the retreat. The last round was all in favour of Calvert, who received a hard earned points win . . . Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 162½, well outpointed Al Bereti, Seven Dials, 161, in a hectic six . . . Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 136, was always the master of Dave Chandler, Battersea, 131, whose corner men wisely retired their man at the end of the third, for the latter was outpunched from the start . . . Dave Johnson, Hendon, 117¾, defeated Tony Bowles, Brighton, 113½, in the third, the referee intervened after the lighter Bowles had taken five counts . . . Errol Flyn of Newport, 113¾, making his debut into the paid ranks, seemed to have the edge against Charlie Jiminez, Paddington, 110½, but the referee called a "draw" after an interesting six . . . Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 160¾, outpointed Jeff Beeston, Moseley, 160, in six.

▶ BELFAST . . . A crowd of over 10,000 gave a great ovation to Willie Toweel, South Africa, 142¾, after he had given a brilliant display in disposing of Paddy Graham, Belfast, 146¾, in his first venture into the welterweight division . . . Graham was bewildered by the speed and crisp punching of the South African, who never put a foot wrong. Towards the end of the second round, a right from Toweel cut the Irishman's eye, but the cornermen soon had that patched up to satisfaction . . . In the third, Toweel concentrated on Graham's body to try and bring his arms down. In this he was successful for in the fourth a combination of body blows and an attack on the head brought the flow of blood from the damaged eye . . . Referee Andy Smyth took a look at the eye at the end of the fourth and stopped the bout in favour of Toweel . . . The popular and quiet spoken South African will soon be a match for any welterweight in the world . . . You will remember that "THE RING" told you so . . . John Caldwell, Belfast, 113¼, won in a canter over Salvatore Manca, Italy, 111, in ten . . . Two unbeaten welterweights since they have joined the paid ranks met in a eight round battle. Freddie Tiedt, Dublin, 145¼, gained the points decision over Tony Smith, Bootle, 143¾, in which the former got off to a quick start by clinching the first three rounds by his crisp left leads and hooks. Smith tried hard to stem the tide, and in the last round he received a badly cut eye, and the loss of his unbeaten certificate . . . Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134¾, gained a clear win on points over Brian Jones, Nottingham, 131½, in eight . . . Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 127, outpointed Phil McGrath, Halifax, 129¾, in a hotly disputed eight . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 128¼, after having taken a count of "eight" in the fourth, and his eye badly cut in the sixth and last round, was deserving of the points win against John Garrett, Belfast, 134½.

▶ WALSALL . . . Making his first appearance as a professional, Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 181, former Midlands heavyweight champion, was unfortunate in his debut to lose to Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 183, when the referee, Doctor Arthur Brown, intervened during the third round. I say "unfortunate" because Smith was well in the lead when a clash of heads cut his left eye during a bout of infighting . . . Max Smith, Wolverhampton, 163½, made amends for his brother's defeat, by stopping Joe Hogan, Wolverhampton, 158, in the third with the same referee intervening after Hogan had taken two counts of "eight" and was suffering from a split upper lip . . . Hogan was making his first appearance . . . Bill Morgan, Walsall, 168, knocked out Barrow Pawson, Lincoln, 170, in the first. Morgan was making his first pro debut . . . Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 136½, knocked out Jow Wunch, Mansfield, 136½, a southpaw, in the second . . . Dave Astey, Walsall, 145, was too good for Chris Martin, Birmingham & Ireland, 138, and the referee intervened in the second . . . Ron Gray, Walsall, 162, outpointed Mashood Balagun, Leicester, 165¾, in six.

▶ SHOREDITCH . . . The welterweight battle between Ron Warnes, Erith, 145¾, and Brian Husband, Hull, 146¾, over eight rounds will be the topic amongst boxing fans for quite a long time. It will be the highest voted nominee as "THE BOUT OF THE YEAR." How these two fighters stood up to their work of throwing punches, is still a mystery. The packed hall were on their feet cheering and clapping throughout the twenty-four minutes of "scrapping." Husband took the lead in the early part of the contest against a determined opponent, who would not give an inch, first one then the other would show to advantage, and it would have been any odds that it would end in a draw, but referee Pat Floyd's scorecard showed that Warnes was a narrow points winner, and as Warnes hand was raised as the victor a roar of discord almost raised the roof . . . I thought that the early lead of Husband was still in evidence when the last gong sounded . . . Anyway everyone agreed that it was one of the best bouts seen this year to date . . . it was a pity that there had to be a loser . . . Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 128¼, stopped Eddie West, Bethnal Green, 128½, in the seventh, when referee Floyd intervened to save West from further punishment, after rising from a count of "nine" . . . Tony Dove, Battersea, 174½, knocked out Tommy Summers, Liverpool, 175¼, in 60 secs. of the first round . . . Peter Heath, Coventry, 135, knocked out Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 137, in the seventh . . . I am certain that if Heath will be given the chance that he deserves, he will beat many of the lightweights that are clamouring for a tilt at Dave Charnley's

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to November 20, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	Philemon Tshabalala (SA)
3. Brian London (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Terry Downes (E)	Mick Leahy (I)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	Arthur Howard (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	Jack Whittaker (E)	John McCormack (S)	Gerald Gray (J)
7. Robert Cleroux (C)	Harry Dodoo (G)	Phil Edwards (W)	Hector Constance (T)
8. Dave Rent (E)	Ron Redrup (E)	Harry Speedie (SA)	Johnny van Rensburg (SA)
9. Joey Armstrong (G)	Billy Smith (E)	Attu Clottey (G)	Tommy Molloy (E)
10. Kitione Lave (To)	Eddie Wright (E)	Billy Lotter (SA)	Albert Carroll (E)
LIGHTWEIGHTS	**FEATHERWEIGHTS**	**BANTAMWEIGHTS**	**FLYWEIGHTS**
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (I)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Percy Lewis (T)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Jackie Brown (S)
3. Ludwig Lightburn(BH)	Rafiu King (N)	Dick White (A)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Billy Kelly (I)	Wally Taylor (A)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
5. Dave Stone (E)	John O'Brien (S)	Len Reece (W)	Frank Jones (S)
6. Jackie Hayden (C)	Floyd Robertson (G)	George Bowes (E)	Moses Edeki (N)
7. Barney Beale (E)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Johnny Morrissey (S)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
8. George Bracken (A)	Bobby Neill (S)	Roy Beaman (E)	Pancho Bhatachaji (In)
9. Spike McCormack (I)	Terry Spinks (E)	Derry Treanor (I)	Little Joe (G)
10. Peter Heath (E)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Bernie Taylor (SA)	John Mtimkulu (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

British title . . . Johnny Kramer, Canning Town, 146¼, outpointed Don Symonds, Bellingham, 146¼, in six.

▶ CHELTENHAM . . . Ron Barton, West Ham, 176, former British cruiserweight champion, was halted in his "come back" by the aggressive two handed attack by Billy Smith, Croydon, 176, who continued to bombard the clever West Ham fighter with hooks to the head and body from the first gong to the last, and the latter was a worthy points winner at the end of the scheduled eight . . . After the bout Barton declared that this was his last outing as a professional boxer . . . Johnny Bowler, Luton, 160¼, was too good for Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 161, and won by a clear margin in six . . . Tommy Kansas, Bristol, 136¾, punched too hard and fast for Dave Thomas, Islington, 138½, and the referee stopped the bout in the third, with Kansas as the winner . . . Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 147¾, stopped Terry Thompson, Gloucester, 146½, in the first . . . Peter Heggerty, Bristol, 122¾, and Al McCarthy, Romford, 114¾, drew in six . . . Micky Redmond, Bristol, 113¾, outpointed Stan Regan, Rugby, 114¾, in six.

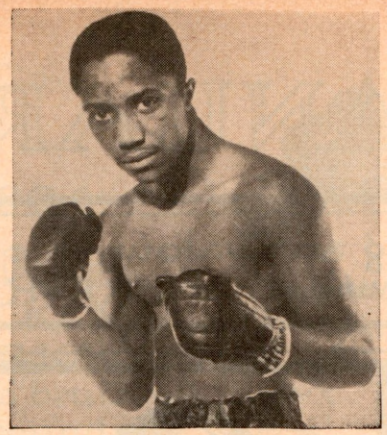
▶ MIDDLESBOROUGH . . . George Bowes, West Hartlepool, 117, and Hugh Riley, Edinburgh, 117, put up a ding dong battle for seven and half rounds before the former came to life and connected with his famous right to the head of the Scot, who stiffened to receive a deadly left hook that put Riley out for the full count with only 55 secs. to the end of the bout . . . Peter Cobblah, Ghana, 144, knocked Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 145, down five times in the first round before finishing the bout in the third with a looping left swing to the jaw . . . Ken Harvey, Thornley, 161, stopped Simba Rose, Nigeria, 157, in the first . . . John Bacon, Grangetown, 136, defeated Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 139, in the second, the intervention of the referee saved Cowley from unnecessary punishment . . . Johnny Nolan, Thornaby, 134, reduced the early lead of Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 134, and punished the latter so severely in the fifth before he was knocked out. This is the first time in Bamborough's career that he has taken the full count.

▶ GREAT YARMOUTH . . . In a gruelling, hard hitting bout, Jimmy Daly, Canning Town, 148, gained a narrow points victory over Terry Banning, Leamington, 142, in eight . . . Referee Fred Hall lost his patience with Jimmy Norcott, Stepney, 140¼, and Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 142½, and ruled both out in the fifth for not obeying his instructions of break when told . . . George Blazeby, Norwich, 153, a new entry to paid ranks, stopped Brian Potts, Boreham Wood, 145½, in the second . . . Mick Barone, Brixton, 113, outpointed Barrie Adgie, Derby, 111½, in six . . . Tommy Lee, Croydon, 153½, outpointed Dave George, Woking, 158½, in six . . . Terry Coombes, Peckham, 149, outpointed Tony French, Woking, 151, in six.

▶ LIVERPOOL . . . Gus Demmy, the well known Manchester Turf Accountant, will have a vivid memory of the first championship that he will have promoted. For this encounter between Tommy Molloy of Liverpool, 145½, and Albert Carroll, of Bethnal Green, 146 & 14 oz, will long be in the memory of the fans for the excitement and uproar that took place in the final two rounds of this bout . . . For ten rounds Carroll had run away with a big points lead, with referee Billy Jones of Wales (who was in charge of his first championship contest) handled the bout quite well, but in the crucial moment that befalls a good third man, he failed. Throughout the early rounds Carroll foiled Molloy's efforts to get at close quarters, and was in receipt of many left leads to the head and body from the slippery Londoner, who seemed all set for a points win and new welterweight champion of Great Britain. In the eleventh session Molloy continued in his aggressive manner and trapped Carroll against the ropes, where he landed several lefts and rights to the head and body forcing the agile Londoner to take a count of "nine" . . . The unexpected turn spurred Molloy to go in for the kill, and amid a turmoil of shouts from the audience, both boxers and the referee failed to hear the gong when Molloy threw another of his rights that put Carroll again on the canvas near his own corner. This last blow was in fact after the bell, but can be excused, because both were battling it out at the time that the timekeeper had sounded the end of the round . . . In the eleventh, Molloy came out to try and finish the bout with a two handed barrage, Carroll fought back furiously forcing Molloy back against the ropes, it may have been his swan song when another right caught Carroll on the jaw, sending him down once again . . . Now here is what I mean, when I say "CRUCIAL MOMENT", after seeing that Molloy had gone to a neutral corner, and then return to the fallen boxer to take up the count, the referee faced Molloy who was eager to finish the bout, and was half way across the ring to continue his assault. Referee Jones with his back to the fallen boxer, continued the count which to all onlookers had reached "eight", but the referee spread his arms out as one would do when a man had failed to beat the "fatal ten". Then the ring was invaded with the followers of Molloy and Carroll, the latter with the seconds and manager Curly Carr, protested vigorously, for Carroll was standing erect and ready to continue . . . Master of Ceremonies Nat Basso announced to the crowd that Molloy was the winner, as Carroll had failed to beat the count . . . This brought forth another burst of disapproval from the large crowd, meanwhile officials were trying hard to get the ring cleared of the Carroll supporters when the announcement was again given over the loudspeaker, THAT THE REFEREE HAD STOPPED THE BOUT, as CARROLL WAS NOT IN A FIT CONDITION TO CONTINUE . . . Uproar again followed amongst the crowd, for they argued rightly, how can a referee judge if a boxer is not fit to continue, IF HIS BACK IS TOWARDS THE BOXER WHO IS TAKING A COUNT . . . a high official who was invited to witness the film (in slow motion) told me that the referee would have been in order, IF HE HAD LET THE BOUT CONTINUE and THEN STOPPED THE BOUT . . . An enquiry by The Stewards of The Board Of Control will certainly take place, with reports from The Steward in Charge and The Inspectors present . . . An easy way out of all this misunderstanding, would be to rematch Molloy & Carroll for the title, without the six months grace allowed to the champion.

The bright spot on the programme was the brilliant performance of Brian Curvis, Swansea, 143¾, who punished Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 146½, with his fast two handed hitting, till the referee intervened . . . I predict that in 1960, young Brian Curvis will be holding the British welterweight title . . . Malcolm Worthington, Crew, 163, kept his unbeaten record with a very close points decision over the aggressive Al Bereti, Seven Dials, 160½, in six . . . Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 162½, was awarded a points decision over Derek Liversidge, Nottingham, 149½, after a closely fought eight . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 127¾, gained a disputed points win over Eric Brett, Retford, 129¾, in eight . . . Billy Nelson, Lancaster, 132, outpointed Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 130, in four.

▶ SHEPHERDS BUSH . . . I was glad to see a full house at The Lime Grove Baths when the popular Alf Mancini staged another successful show, with the fans going home praising the fare served up . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 172½, started off as the underdog against the promising Tommy Gibbons, Hanwell, 176¾, in a eight rounder . . . Both Gibbons and Cole gave everything they had in the hard fought bout with Cole holding on to the lead he gained in the middle rounds, and resisting the grandstand finish of Gibbons, he was a worthy points winner at the end . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 159¼, stopped Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161¾, in the fifth of a hard fought bout . . . Tony Mancini, Hammersmith, 145¼, son of the promoter, knocked out Steve Richards, Bermondsey, 147½, in the fourth . . . Don Coshirel, Jersey, 118¾, gained a narrow points win over Ernie Savery, Dunstable, 120¾, in six . . . Noel Hazard, Australia, 126½, outpointed Kenny Thomas, Islington, 128, in six . . . Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 117¾ made a successful debut with a win in the third, against Tiggy Burney, Faversham, 121¼, when referee Syd Nathan stopped the bout in his favour.



Davey Moore, world featherweight champion, dropped British titleholder Bobby Neill five times in stopping him in the first round at Empire Pool, Wembley.

▶ BIRMINGHAM . . . Boswell St Louis, Trinidad, 146½, proved too strong and versatile for Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 146½, and the latter with his "southpaw" style did not prove any handicap for Boswell's busy attacks. After Corbett had taken several counts, referee Micky Fox wisely intervened during the sixth to save a game lad unnecessary punishment . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 131¼, gained sweet revenge over Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 132, making it third time lucky, by gaining a points decision after eight interesting rounds.

▶ EMPIRE POOL . . . WEMBLEY . . . A crowd of 10,000 at Harry Levene's Promotion paid good money to see one of Britain's biggest "FIASCOS".

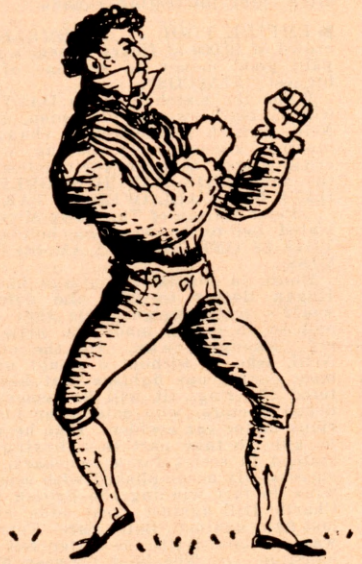
When the match between DAVY MOORE, world's featherweight champion, and Bobby Neill, British featherweight champion, was mooted, almost every boxing writer and critic stated that on their latest form in the ring, THIS MATCH SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE . . . Peter Wilson of The Daily Mirror, boldly stated before he went on holiday, THAT THIS IS ONE FIGHT I AM SO GLAD TO MISS . . .

Moore in his latest outings had stopped Hogan Bassey to win, and defended the world's featherweight title that he holds, and in so doing, made the little Nigerian cry "Enough" twice. On the other hand Neill, who is without a doubt one of the most courageous fighters that has ever entered the ring, (it will be remembered, he defied doctors, who said after his last serious motor car accident, that he will never be able to take part in a boxing contest), trained in secret for a comeback. This he successfully accomplished with several quick wins, in fact winning the British title from Charlie Hill against great odds, and in his last fight against "Baby Face" Terry Spinks, was outclassed till the latter fell from exhaustion . . . The bout between Moore and Neill lasted just 2 mins. 55 secs, in which the Scot was on the deck five times before referee Tommy Little put his arms round Neill and helped him to his corner . . . This is how it all happened . . . At the first gong, they met in the center of the ring sparring for an opening, Neill landing two light left jabs, without any effect, a left hook to the head of Moore brought cheers from the crowd, but soon after, Neill was on the canvas from a combination of blows which ended with a right to the jaw . . . at "eight" Neill rose all in a daze with rubberly legs. The champion then showed his class, another shower of blows sent the gallant Scot down for another "eight". It seemed it was all over as Neill scrambled to his feet, for it was seen that he was in no condition to face the now forceful CHAMP . . . Referee Little was about to step in to stop the slaughter when from a slight push, Neill again went to the canvas for a count of "four" . . . A bewildered Neill rose without taking advantage of the longer count, facing what must have been to him, three Davy Moore's, for with another light punch he fell for another count of "six", and when he again was sent to the canvas, rising after the count had gone "three" it was time that referee Tommy Little took the merciful action of stopping the bout in favour of Davy Moore . . . It was a pity that the fans could not have seen more of the combination punches and moves that give credit to a real world's champion. Both Moore and Neill weighed inside 129. What an attraction it would be if Promoters Harry Levene or Jack Solomons would match Davy Moore and British lightweight champion, Dave Charnley, it would fill Wembley Stadium.

In the 10 round eliminating bout between Billy Kelly, Derry, 134¼, and Barney Beale, Lambeth, 134¼, for the British lightweight title, less said about it the better, for in as dull a contest than one wishes to see. Kelly was awarded a points win, because he was the one that wanted to make the fight worthy . . . Dave Stone, Battersea, 136 and 2 oz., knocked out Charlie Els, South Africa, 133, in the second . . . Sexton Mabena, South Africa, 125¾, stopped Con Mount-Bassie, Jamaica, 127¼, in the sixth. Mabena's non stop hitting made a hit on this memorable night . . . A lad that will go far in the bantamweight division is the ex-amateur Roy Beaman of Brixton, 119¾, who outpunched Eddie O'Connor, Dublin, 117½, before referee Fred Hall intervened in the sixth to save the game Irish Lad from unnecessary punishment . . . Gordon Blakey, Cardiff, 128½, stopped Ollie Wyllie, Glasgow, 126½, in the fourth, the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye.

JANUARY

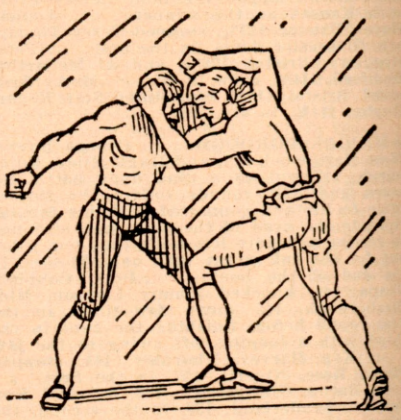
"DEEDS of daring and valour this day shall be done — OLD laurels shall wither, or FRESH wreaths be won!"



The GREAT DAYS of the PRIZE RING

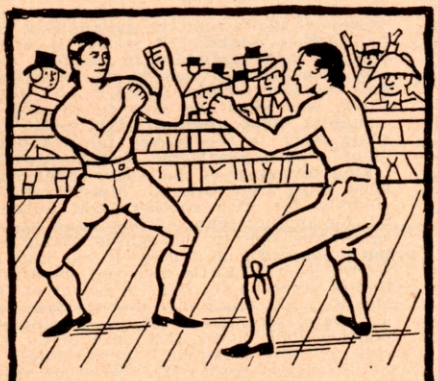
JAN. 2, 1827

Peter Crawley, known to the Fancy as 'YOUNG RUMP STEAK', whipped JEM WARD in eleven rounds — ... Royston, England ...



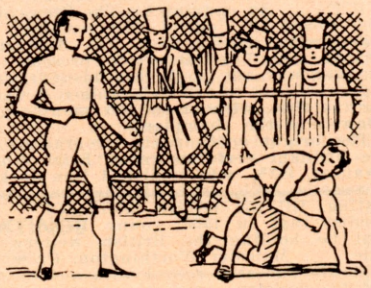
JAN. 7, 1824

THOMAS WINTER SPRING - Champion of England - vs. JACK LANGAN, The Irish Champion, won by SPRING after 77 terrible rounds! Worcester, England



JAN. 9, 1788

In a contest acknowleged for Skill and Science, RICHARD HUMPHREYS (The Gentleman Boxer) defeated DANIEL MENDOZA — after 29 minutes of fighting. - Odiham, in Hampshire -



JAN. 13, 1820

Notwithstanding a heavy fall of snow, TOM OLIVER (The Commissary-General of the Prize Ring), and TOM SHELTON went at it briskly for 39 ROUNDS - OLIVER winning. Sawbridgeworth, England

JAN. 17, 1791

The toast of the Fancy this night was the new Champion of England - BIG BEN BRAIN - who vanquished brave TOM JOHNSON in 18 hard rounds - Wrotham, England

JAN. 23, 1804

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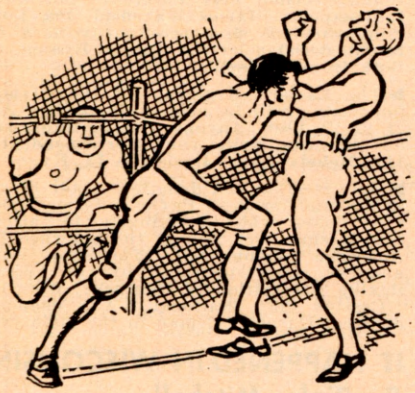
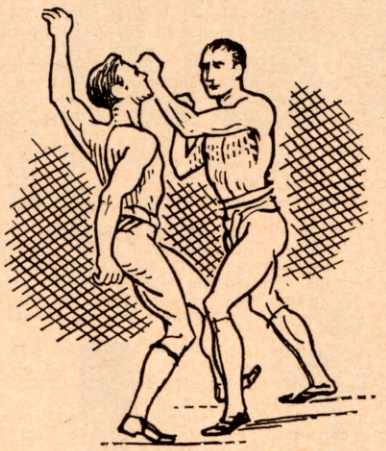


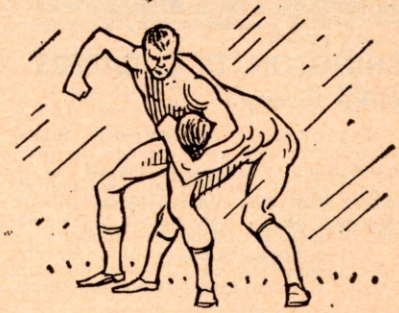
JAN. 24, 1837

Bold BENDIGO severely punished YOUNG LANGAN ~ (Charley) ~ in a bloody affair which lasted 92 rounds.
~ Woore, England



JAN. 26, 1853

TOM SAYERS badly battered JACK MARTIN ~ in 23 rounds ~
Long Beach, England



JAN. 28, 1862

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WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED MAIN EVENT from Capitol Arena, under the promotion of Goldie Ahearn, it looked for a while like it might end in a tag-team match, with the added participants being Doctor Dave Gordon, D. C. Commission physician and Jack Kearns, aged and able manager of Kenny Lane, 144½, who in this feature event did manage to win a split decision over former welterweight titleholder, Virgil Akins, 147.

Early in the third round, Akins opened a cut in his opponent's eye. Referee Ray Bowen halted the match and called in the doctor. While he and Kearns argued, the eye was put back in working condition and the doctor said the fight could continue. Meanwhile Bernie Glickman, Akins' manager had put the robe back on his fighter and was ready to leave the ring. This corner thought the fight was over. It wasn't. Lane continued to score in future rounds, cut Akins' eye in the sixth and the judges saw Lane the winner as follows: Charlie Buck, 98-91, Joe Bunsa 94-93 and the referee scored it a draw 89-89.

Steve Heywood, 140, Baltimore, beat Don Weller, 145, Ft. Monroe, Va., four rounds. Tommy Grant, 161, Baltimore, fought to a draw, Ward Sullivan, 158, Washington, four rounds. Tommy Curtis, 131, Baltimore, kayoed Jimmie West, 132, Columbus, Ohio, in the first round.

Ernie Knox, 173, Baltimore, beat Eddie Bell, 162, Washington, in four. Duke Williams, 180, Washington, stopped Jimmie Bush, 170, Washington, in three.

▶Approximately 150 greats and near-greats in sports, writers, showmen and civic leaders were present for a birthday party honoring the 80th birthday of boxing and wrestling announcer Jimmy Lake. The event took place at Barclay's Steak House, with such greats as Mickey Walker and such old-time Washington fighters as the likes of Jack Renzo, "The Wild Bull of Ninth Street."

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

PROFESSIONAL BOXING RESUMES IN CLEVELAND WITH monthly shows under the supervision of Larry Atkins and the Jim Norris Wednesday night shows.

Amateur boxing shows are held weekly in Cleveland and are well attended. The principal shows are sponsored by the Cleveland Athletic Club and the Knights of Columbus.

The All-Sports Roundup was staged in Barberton recently and brought out former boxers Chick Maglione, Harry Krohn, Norman and Leo Genet, Chet O'Kelly and Willie Ames.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

THERE'S PLENTY OF BOXING ACTIVITY IN THIS city with three boxing clubs in action. Veteran promoter Herman Taylor is staging major boxing shows at the Arena and Convention Hall. Promoter Jimmy Riggio, at the new Alhambra Club and Ralph Graziano at the old Cambria A.C.

Charley Scott, 146, Philadelphia, No. 2 welterweight, scored his greatest victory here at the Convention Hall when he halted Sugar Hart, 146½, No. one welterweight, in the ninth round of bout scheduled for 12 rounds for the state title.

This was one of the most thrilling bouts seen since the Graziano-Zale bout. It was a sizzling fight throughout the entire nine rounds. Hart started like a real champ in the first round and looked like he was going to win by a quick knockout when he landed some staggering right hands on Scott. The latter came back and took command in the second round and held it until the finish, with body blows that weakened his opponent. At the end of the eighth round, Hart was dropped for an eight count, with the bell ending the round. Referee Joe Sweeney stopped the fight in the ninth when Scott forced Hart to the ropes and had him sagging from rights and lefts just 28 seconds after the round began.

The bout, promoted by Herman Taylor, was spectacular and had the fans standing most of the time.

Sidney Adams, 139½, unbeaten Philadelphia lightweight, kayoed Jethro Cason, 138, Philadelphia, in the second round; Johnny Clyde, 154½, Phila., TKO'd Jimmy Biggs, 146½, in the second round; Bolden Abrams, 139, Phila., won six round decision over Leroy Tucker, 143½, New York. Charley Branch, 127, Phila., held Vernon Lynch, 127, New York to a four round draw.

▶Von Clay, Philadelphia, ranked light-heavyweight, disappointed his followers when he was held to a draw by Sixto Rodriguez, California boxer, here at the Arena under the promotion of Herman Taylor in a ten round bout of listless action.

Von showed none of his old form that won him 8 knockouts in 11 professional fights. He looked tired and sluggish throughout the ten rounds. Rodriguez, a hard man to fight on account of his speed and style puzzled Clay round after round. The two were even in weight at 172 pounds.

Fred Terry, 155½, Phila., won a disputed six rounder over Willie Gray, 157, Washington; Al Avant, 159½, Chester, beat Johnny Morris, 162, Pittsburgh, in six; Tom Lowry, 130½, Phila., outpointed Casey Smith, 131, Pleasantville, N. J., in six rounds; Roger Harvey, 143, New York, beat Ray Lancaster, 148½, Spartanburg, S. C., in a six rounder.

▶**Cambria A.C.**—Clarence Ford, 138, Phila., gave away almost a head in height but scored a unanimous six-round decision over Trenton's Danny Livingston, 136, in the main event.

Bruce Gibson, 150, Philadelphia, TKO'd Bobby King, 142, Philadelphia in the fourth round. Art Mullen, 124, Phila., drew with Jackie Lennon, 130½, Philadelphia (6); Jerry Finnerty, 163½, TKO'd Andy Offerd, in the second round; Willie Wilson, 129½, TKO'd Billy Anderson, 131, in the third and Johnny Charleston, 153, decisioned Johnny Thornton, 159, in four.

Alhambra:—Jimmy Beecham scored an impressive knockout over Frankie Anslem, a local slugger. Beecham weighed 158½, three pounds more than his opponent whom he flattened in the fourth round. Jimmy left Philadelphia six years ago to campaign in Florida and Central America.

Johnny Melito, 132, won over Ed Henderson, 132, in six rounds; Larry Brown, 183½, spotted Leroy Baker, 391½ pounds and belted him out with three knockdowns in the second round; Jerry Mohr, 155, drew with Joe Medley, 165, in four; Donald Woods, 140, stopped Joe Russell, 134, in two, and Robert Williams, 152, beat Eddie Johnson, 144, in four.

▶Joe Rowan, Phoenixville heavyweight, scored a unanimous decision over Jimmy Thompson in the eight-round windup. Rowan, 187½, never had the 198-pound Washingtonian in serious trouble, although he scored often with long rights to the body.

Tom Maldonado, 133, New York, TKO'd Oscar Hart, 132, Phila., in the third; Al Raymond, 162, Phila., KO'd Ralph Stephens, 169, Phila., in the second; Jimmy Mohr, 153, Phila., and Bob Williams, 137, Trenton, drew in four; Frankie Taylor, 138, Phila., decisioned Lew Smith, 132, Phila., in four, and Ike Clemens, 167, Phila., decisioned Bruno Socco, 160, Trieste, Italy, in four rounds.

LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

AT FREEDOM HALL, LOCATED AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Rudell Stitch, 144, turned boxer to defeat Ralph Dupas, 145, the number 3 contender from New Orleans, La.

For one time in his career Stitch did not try for a knockout, but did a beautiful job of boxing. He jabbed and hooked and used a number of combinations. Although there were no knock-downs the fight was an interesting one for a disappointing crowd of 2,600.

Willie Moran, 147, Louisville, won a weight decision over veteran Leroy Emerson, 140, Cincinnati. The fight was a very close fight, and a very hard fought fight. In a terrific exchange of punches in the second round, Moran dropped Emerson for a nine count with a short right hand to the jaw. The fight was so even that this was probably the deciding factor for Moran.

Eddie Whitaker, 126, Louisville, stopped Rufus Holiday, 129, Cincinnati, in 2 minutes and 58 seconds of the second round. This was Whitaker's sixth win in as many starts. Whitaker is considered one of Louisville's brightest prospects. Terrell Pruitt, 182, won a decision in four rounds over Donny Hall, 180. Both from Louisville.

Danny Jones, 150, Louisville, won a four round decision over Catatdral Curtis, 151, Indianapolis. James Wakefield, 195, Louisville, won his first pro-fight with a four round decision over O'Quinn Bynum, 179. Both from Louisville.

▶The Eastern Regionals of the Olympics for boxing will be held in Louisville, April 21, 22, 23, 1960. Anyone wishing information on this can write your Correspondent at 1401 Melody Lane, Louisville 14, Ky.

▶Gate receipts and donations made up over $2,000 fund for Cecil Payne, a former Louisville boxer who is seriously ill, after a benefit show Oct 28th at the Shawnee Post American Legion Hall. The show was a amateur show sponsored by the Veterans Boxing Association of Kentucky, Ring-15.

Cassius Clay, National A.A.U. champion, defeated Harold Coleman in the main event.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
By Pinky Mitchell

LA CROSSE, WIS.:—ENROUTE TO LA CROSSE, heavyweight John Hein of Milwaukee was delayed by an auto accident and the bout with John Quinn was cancelled.

Promoter George Marcus went ahead with the show, putting light heavyweights Al Sparks of Winnipeg, Canada in the top spot with Jim Hegerle of St. Paul. Sparks won the 8 round decision. In a six round bout Bobby Cline, 148, Chicago decisioned Arnold Sparks, 142, of St. Paul.

▶Athletic Director, Ivan B. Williamson of the University of Wisconsin announced that eight team matches were set with other Universities for the boxing teams 1960 schedule. The contenders tournament is scheduled for Jan. 8, and the all-University tournament, Feb. 12.

The Badgers will also host the 23rd annual National Collegiate Athletic Associations boxing championships Apr. 7-9.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

Henry Hank, the Detroit Dynamiter, is currently the big box-office draw in New Orleans.

When he made his first ring start here, Hank was a comparative unknown. That was last March—and to prove his popularity, he has engaged in eight fights since then, all locally.

Hank was brushed by a pair of tough ombres in October. He turned the tables on Holly Mims on October 12, and two weeks later, gave tough George Benton a pasting, having the latter wobbly and reeling and ready for the kill when the bell came to Benton's rescue.

Not an outstanding boxer, Hank, nevertheless, is one of the strongest middleweights around. He has great endurance and is a willing mixer. He was outpointed by Mims in their first fight, but wore down the "old pro" with a relentless attack after it appeared Mims would repeat his first victory.

Benton, never stopped as a pro, came closer to hearing the birdies sing in his fight with Hank than ever before. Benton admitted as much.

The 4,229 paid customers who grossed $15,487.50 for the second Hank-Mims fight, gave both middleweights a fine ovation as they left the ring. The figures were a bit disappointing as the encore was expected to top the $20,000 gate of the first meeting. However, a local strike and a hike in the prices probably had much to do with the shrinkage. Just the same, Promoter Harry Frisch and Matchmaker Lou Messina of the New Orleans Boxing Club profited by the show. The NOBC hasn't had a losing show since it tossed its hat into the fight promotional field in early January.

Although the fight was not televised, Mims, 158¾, for the second straight time here, picked up a $4,000 purse. Hank, 160¾, for winning, took a grand less.

Hank's triumph thus kept his record of never losing a return bout intact. Many boxing fans figured Mims would repeat his first win, but Hank and his handlers were just as confident. For the fight, Mims weighed 158¾ pounds, Hank 160¾. It was a pick-em affair.

The decision was unanimous. The fight was very close, although on of the officials tabbed it 10-2 for Hank. Another scored it 6-6, giving Hank the fight on harder punching, while the referee had it 8-4.

It was a bad night for Manager Nick Trotta and the Mims' stable. Tommy "Dynamite" Williams, 151, was flattened in one round by Jimmy Remson, 156¼, of the Hank stable. The boxing commission fined Williams $100 for his poor showing. Lou Shores, 171¾, also of the Mims' stable, dropped a close one to Charley Leslie, 168, in four rounds, while Don Reed, 139 whipped Percy Puigh, 139½, in four.

Hank had gone into the tenth round with a clear margin. But he continued after Benton as though he needed the round. He caught George with a left and then a right, and Benton grabbed his opponent while resting against the ropes. Another punch buckled Benton's knees and he looked helpless when the bell ended festivities.

The gate was below expectations as only 2,488 fans paid $7,070 to see the contest. Hank came in at 162½ pounds, heaviest of his career, as against 160 for Benton. The referee scored it 9-1-0, one judge saw it 9-0-1, while another tabbed it 6-3-1. My sheet had Hank on top 7-3.

Five scheduled four rounders preceded the main event. In the top four, Willie Ransom, 141, defeated Don Reed, 139¼, in a fast moving contest. Percy Puigh, 138, stopped Sammy Davis, 136, in three; Johnny Johnson, 190, put the skids under Ross Daniels, 191½, in one; Stringbean Leslie, 159½, was upset by George Lee, 160, and Freddie Griffin, 140¼, bested Arthur Williams, 143½.

▶ Emile Bruneau, local boxing authority and member of the executive board of the National Boxing Assn., felt the political ax in October when Gov. Earl K. Long replaced him on the state boxing commission. Bruneau, the commission's secretary for more than 10 years, was replaced by Martin Burke, former heavyweight boxer and chief sparring partner for Jack Dempsey when the Manassa Mauler ruled the fistic roost.

Prior to Bruneau's replacement, Gov. Long fired Mrs. Pete Waldron as chairman of the commission in lieu of Ernest Hessler, Jr., son of the state fire marshal and close friend of the governor for a number of years. Mrs. Waldron was named chairman shortly after the death of her husband, who was appointed to the post when Long was elected governor in 1956.

The governor also chopped from the commission list a number of "honorary members," replacing one with Eddie Kid Wolfe, former lightweight and welterweight fighter of note and until recently a capable referee and judge.

Pete Herman, former world's bantamweight champion, remained as vice-chairman of the commission. Herman has been a close friend of the governor for many years. Thus the commission now boasts of three former fighters in Burke, Herman and Wolfe, along with a number of "honorary members".

▶ Rugged Tony Dupas, younger brother of Ralph, chalked up his fifth straight victory, this time at the expense of the Latin-American middleweight boxing champion, Sugar Boy Nando, in 10 rounds. The middleweight fight was held in Docksite Stadium in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

▶ SHORT HOOKS:—Harry Frisch resigned as promoter of the successful New Orleans Boxing Club because of a fine imposed upon him by the Louisiana State Athletic commission, along with a six-month probationary period placed on the NOBC. However, the club will continue to operate under the promotion of Dan Cohen as promoter and Lou Messina as matchmaker . . . Frisch, charging the commission with "retarding boxing in the community" by making a political football of the local situation, stated he is not quitting the fight game for good, and will be back "after the election" . . . Frisch was fined $100 by the commission on grounds that the promoter violated a commission rule by collecting on all commission passes for the recent Henry Hank-Holly Mims fighet on October 12 . . . Heard Ragas, a long-time boxing promoter who has been out of the game since the first of the year, was handed a matchmaker's license by the new commission. Heard is after the Lane-Dupas bout and is expected to come up with a number of other fine shows in the future . . . At this writing, Allen LaCombe was also seeking a promoter's license . . . Because Lou Messina and the NOBC have been quite successful throughout the 1959 season, it appears as though everybody wants to get into the act.

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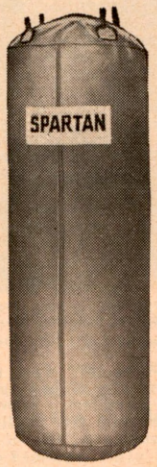

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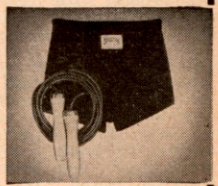

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

PIERO ROLLO was beaten by Freddie Gilroy for his European bantam title, which rather evens matters for the Italians, since Vecchiatto gained the vacant lightweight crown by beating Godih in Milan. The month was fairly eventful but few results were sensational. The Scholz-Peter Mueller clash was postponed due to Gus succumbing to a heavy chill. Two familiar faces adorned a show in Belgium when Jean Sneyers and Cherif Hamia returned to action, with varying fortunes, while Charles Colin was eliminated from the top ten by Paul Roux, a new cruiser from northeast France. Cavicchi came back into the limelight with an explosive win over Ritter and Campari edged another rung up the feathers ladder by shading Manolo Garcia. Rautiainen, Finnish feather, debuted in Scotland rather unsuccessfully, being soundly whipped by Floyd Robertson while Salvatore Manca was trimmed by John Caldwell in Belfast. Rocco Mazzola kept his leading position, after Amonti, among Italian cruisers by defeating dangerous Dom Baccheschi over ten rounds at Ancona, thus reversing a previous decision. Christensen earned himself a shot at Loi by stopping Marconi in Denmark, but this will not come until the New Year. Other rated Scandinavians lost placing due to inactivity—Ahsman and Koski have not fought this season. Antoine Martin registered as a threat to all featherweights by flattening Vairolatto.

▶ **Milan,** Italy. The long-awaited clash between Laouri Godih of France and Mario Vecchiatto of Italy for the vacant European lightweight title certainly added no glory to the history of their division. There have been some notable champions ruling Europe's lightweights in the past, including such famous Italian scrappers as Carlo Orlandi, Aldo Spoldi, Locatelli, and recently Proietti and Loi. On his showing against Godih, Vecchiatto did not come knee-high to any of them. It is doubtful whether any fighter would have made a better showing, however, since Godih was obstructive right from the opening round. He countered Vecchiatto's early attacks with clinches and butts and this earned him repeated warnings from the Belgian referee. It was rather obvious that Godih had lost the fight in getting down to lightweight poundage but hadn't wished to lose such a lucrative bout. He was listless and completely lacking the flash and style which made him the most avoided lightie on the Continent a couple of years ago.

When it became apparent that Godih would continue to clinch, butt and generally hash up the action, the referee halted hostilities in round eight and sent the North African back to his corner. This victory via disqualification soured the 9,000 fans, who had honed for a decisive ending. But Vecchiatto was "chaired" back to his dressing-room while the spectators got to wondering why the E.B.U. hadn't allowed an American promoter to stage the bout in the States, as first suggested.

Giordano Campari edged out aggressive Manolo Garcia in a feathers ten, Renato Bianchini stopped Jo N'Gan of France in the sixth session of a middles maul and Ray Nobile whipped gallant Rafael Gayo in a feathers eight. Annibale Omodei lost a disputed verdict to Fioravente Merlo in a lightweight eight. Both fighters were way below par.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy. It's surprising how long heavyweights can circulate in the same country without ever meeting. Cavicchi and Friso collided for the first time but the bout didn't live up to the crowd's expectations. Friso is just a strong, tough bruiser, made to measure for Cavicchi, who took his time by winning over the points route in ten rounds. Best fight was supplied by Aldo Pravisani and a new face from Spain, Rafael Gayo, who tore through their feathers ten at terrific speed. Pravisani came out tops but Gayo got a big hand. Mario Sitri lost to the Argentine bantam, Ernesto Miranda, in another ten and Alberto Covi halted Bartoloni in the fifth heat of a middles shindy.

▶ **Alghero,** Italy. Salvatore Burruni moved a step nearer the European title when he stopped Juanito Cid, of Spain, in the ninth round of their flyweight clash. The lanky Spaniard was almost out in the fifth but Burruni just couldn't get a finisher across. Mario Altana, Sardinian cruiser comer, carried too many guns for Luis Vicente Serra and trounced the Don over eight hard rounds.

▶ At **Ravenna,** Vittorio Mancini, who recently busted his way into the lightweight limelight by thrashing Cavalieri, proved this was no flash in the pan by dealing with Bruno Ravaglia in masterly fashion to win handily over ten.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, "El Jaguar"-Aissa Hashas, was again in destructive form, demolishing the veteran Belgian lightie, Georges Devos, in less than three rounds. But Devos, never rated as a hitter, tasted blood before he went out, dropping Hashas for a count of "eight" in the second. Michel Atlan, useful bantam, nodded Pierre Tregaro over eight.

▶ **Pesaro,** Italy. Geppino Gentiletti, middles comer, hammered Aristide Del Piaz but couldn't stop him over eight rounds.

▶ In **Milan,** Sante Amonti kept in trim by pasting Jose Gonzalez, Spain's pocket heavy, over ten rounds while Ray Nobile laced ageing Altidoro Polidori in a feathers eight, will now go on for a shot at the national title. Bianchini bested Ernesto Ballabio, a last-minute substitute, in a middles eight and Luigi Gheda, another cruiser prospect from Brescia, hometown of Amonti, defeated Tavolazzi over six.

▶ **Rome.** The last time Giulio Rinaldi met up with Rocco Mazzola there was an unfortunate clash of heads and Rinaldi was out of action. This time it was Mazzola at a disadvantage. He had driven 240 miles by car to get to the fight on time and was not on form. Rinaldi fought at his best, continually changed tactics and won by a mile over ten rounds. Bruno Visintin, too, struck top form in his welter clash with Michel Francois, dropping the Frenchman three times in the second round—the third time for keeps. Annibale Omodei was lucky to gain a draw against Charley Douglas in a lightie eight and Artenio Calzavara stopped Ottavio Panunzi in the seventh round of a lightheavy dispute.

▶ **Cagliari,** Italy. Over to sunny Sardinia, where local idol Piero Rollo defended his European title at the Amsicora Stadium against Federico Scarponi, national champion. Rollo opened up at a great pace, more or less playing the challenger's role, and Scarponi was forced on the defensive. He came back in the fifth round but Rollo held his ground and there were lively scenes. Both men were warned repeatedly, Rollo for holding and Scarponi for butting. As the gong sounded for the end of the round, Scarponi butted the champion and gashed his forehead. There were whistles and catcalls from the 25,000 fans as Scarponi was ruled out. Also on the card were the Miranda brothers from Argentina. Ernesto had his work cut out in defeating Kimpo Amarfio of Ghana in a bantam ten and Carlos dazzled Giacomo Spano to win easily in a flyweight ten. Attu Clottey, Ghana welter, bobbed and tricked his way to a split decision against Fortunato Manca, also in ten. This is the first draw on Manca's record. The Spanish middles champ, Francisco Ortega, was dropped three times for "eight" but went the full ten rounds to lose against Salvatore Boi.

▶ **Aosta,** Italy. Benito Zambon, rising welter from the Piedmont district, belted away at Albert Lefrancois but the Frenchman didn't succumb until round seven, when he retired claiming a low blow. This was ignored by the ref. In the second contest, Mohamed Seba of France was ruled out for a foul in the second session of his middles slam with Paolo Cottino.

▶ **Mulhouse,** France. Germinal Ballarin did some useful propaganda work here for boxing, attracting 1,600 fans to the new Sports Palace; the opposition was very modest. Gunter Huber was brought in from Germany, just a few miles distant, and was allowed to keep his feet for nearly seven whole rounds. Ballarin cut loose with both hands in the seventh and laid the Teuton out cold. Another visitor from the Fatherland, Hans Haefner, lost out to Jean Ullmann in a welter eight and Pierre Leblond likewise whipped Jean Leroux in a bantam eight.

▶ **St. Malo,** France. Jacques Dugenie received some setbacks last season but kicked off well this time by trouncing Jacques Barlet in a middles ten.

▶ At **Lyons** a visiting Italian, Remo Carati, upset Silk City fans by holding their middleweight ace, Michel Vinot, to a draw over ten rounds. Vinot was caught napping in the opening rounds and by the third it looked as if he would be stopped. He came back in grand style to split the honors. Carati is due to dispute the vacant Italian title with Scisciani shortly, Scortichini having surrendered the crown due to weight troubles. On the same bill at Lyons, Pierre Mondino trimmed Armand Meyer in a welter ten. Robert Paulmaz drew with Georges Brau in a welter eight and Ruffino halted Francois Delannoy in the first heat of a heavyweight slam.

▶ **Bourges,** France. Jean Debondant, local welter, checked Roger Farrgu in the fourth of a welter debate and Abdelkader Babesse halted Corbanese in the fifth of a feathers fray.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

FOR MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1959

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Inge Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Mino Bozzano (I)	Sante Amonti (I)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Stefan Redl (G)
5. Uli Ritter (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Rolf Peters (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
7. Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
8. Albert Westphal (G)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Maurice Auzel (F)
9. Ilkka Koski (FN)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Leen Jansen (H)	Diego Infantes (S)
10. Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Paul Roux (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Michel Lombardet (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
2. Fred Galiana (S)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Young Martin (S)
3. Lahouri Godih (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
4. Fernand Nollet (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
5. Guy Gracia (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Rene Libeer (F)
6. Aissa Hashas (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Kamara Diop (F)
7. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Andre Gasperini (F)
8. Manuel Sosa (F)	Rene Barriere (F)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
9. Bobby Ros (S)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Sugar Ray (H)	Giacomo Spano (I)
10. Conny Rudhoff (G)	Andre Vairolatto (F)	Elysee Castre (F)	Salvatore Manca (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

▶ In **Toulouse,** Hippolyte Annex whipped Marcel Marcerou in a welter eight.

▶ **Elche,** Spain. Jose Hernandez, former feathers star, made it nine bouts without a defeat in his comeback campaign by trimming Joaquin Sarrion in a lightie eight here.

▶ At **Barcelona,** Moktar Angheri, of Spanish Morocco, won over Jose Cadalso in fast lightweight ten at the Gran Price. Lazaro stopped Lopez Durban in the second heat of a feathers dispute.

▶ **Valencia,** Spain. There was quite some doubt about Diego Infantes' win over Jacques Nervi in Madrid last month so they met again to decide matters. After ten torrid rounds, Infantes was again awarded the nod, a verdict which was greeted with boos from the crowd. Undefeated Luis Folledo scored over tough Jose Murgui in a welter eight and Ricardo Navarro drew with Rafael Lahoz in a feathers eight.

▶ At **Bilbao,** Chato Ramos decisioned Jose Bengoa in a one-sided lighties eight.

▶ **Rotterdam,** Holland. Piet van Klaveren was unable to shake off the hoodoo which appears to hang over Dutch fighters of late. He was leading by a mile against Henri Cabelduc, second-rate Frenchman, when the visitor landed a haymaker in round nine, Piet was groggy and the Breton sprang after his man to finish the job. A few more clouts and the last of the Van Klaverens was out cold. Toon Schuurmans had better luck against Gilbert Souday, winning handily in a welter eight while Darius Dhlomo, crooning cruiser from Jo'burg, took a beating from Wladis Kopec of France in a six-rounder. But Darius still had wind for a couple of songs after the performance.

▶ **Copenhagen,** Denmark. A crowd of 4,700 attended the KB Hall for Promotor Johansen's opening show, featuring Chris Christensen against Emilio Marconi in a semi-official eliminator for the European title. Referee was Gustav Eder, who held the German welter title for 18 years and made many friends in Denmark before the war. Marconi fought his usual battle, slipping punches, countering, letting the other man do all the work. Christensen boxed well and kept on top of the ex-champion to such good effect that Marconi ran out of steam midway through the bout. He won the eight round but had shot his bolt; a series of heavy hooks to the ribs pumped the last gasp out of him and he raised an arm wearily in sign of surrender during the ninth. The result was unsatisfactory and Chris will probably have to wait until champion Loi has dealt with Visitin and Manca before submitting his own challenge. Sander Bonde beat Georges Sittler in a lightie eight and Freddie Petersen nodded Mebarek Limane in a feathers six. Egon Thomsen suffered a rude setback at the hands of Jerome Adje of France, who blasted away at the Dane's ribs until he just collapsed with pain. It was a middles slam and it ended in the fourth round. Orla Dalby won a most undeserved victory over Albert Younsi of France in a bantam six.

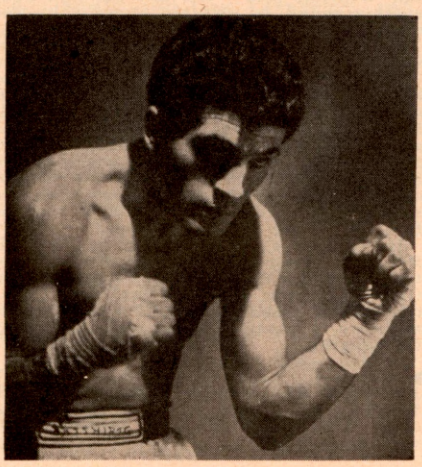
▶ **Tours,** France. Jean Guerard expected to have an easy run against Angelo Rampin but the little flyweight comer from Venice disputed every round. After taking a beating for nine rounds he came back in the tenth with a grandstand finish that nearly brought the house down. The verdict justly went to Guerard.

▶ **Hamburg,** Germany. It has been suggested that Andre Drille, the rugged Basque middleweight, absorbs more punishment than is good for him. This may well be but at the Ernst Merck Hall he demonstrated to Hans Wohlers that he has not yet reached saturation point. For five rounds Wohlers sped round the French battler and dealt out a generous portion of punches to his southpaw foe. But in the sixth round Drille suddenly turned the tables by hooking blond Hans to the midriff with his left then smartly to the chin. Wohlers pitched forward and took the count on one knee. He was ready at "eight" but the ref counted him out. A moment later it was discovered that the gong had sounded during the count and both men made ready to continue. Drille went all out in the seventh but failed to nail the Hamburger. Wohlers gradually swung the tide of events in his own favor by carrying the attack to Drille. The ninth round was also going in Wohlers' favor when a looping right caught him cold; Drille stepped quickly in with his left to the liver and the German rolled over on his back—out to the world.

The German welter title was retained by Helmut Mistol, who handed out a severe shellacking to courageous Karl Wagner before the bout was stopped at the end of the eighth round. Max Reach, 150, added his share of sensations to a lively program by knocking out Lou Mourros, 162, in the seventh round—the first time the Frenchman has been counted out. Albert Westphal, 189, stopped roly-poly Michel Lapourielle in four and Werner Walloschek, 223, outmauled Werner Haufft over six rounds. Erich Walter, 162, dropped Klaus Langhammer three times in the opening round but couldn't make it stick, the Berliner fought his way back and made it a draw over six rounds. The attendance was 6,000, which made the bill a financial as well as a sporting success.

▶ **Ferrara,** Italy. Local lightweight Carlo Morini won his thirteenth pro start here by whipping veteran Ray Paini over eight fast rounds.

▶ At **Modena,** the Argentino, Tito Gomez won over Bruno Polet when the Trieste lightie was obliged to retire in round four with a fractured right. Franco Fiore returned to form by flattening Guido Zoboli in the third heat of a middles duel.



Mario Vecchiato of Italy won the vacant European lightweight title when he won on disqualification from Lahouari Godih of France in the eighth round at Milan, Italy.

▶ **Fidenza,** Italy. Two Spanish guests got a hot reception here when Mario Pallavera blasted out Pucho Cifuentes in the second session of a lightie meet and Gianni Lommi outfought game Kid Daniel in a welter eight.

▶ **Paris.** Marcel Pigou made his first appearance in a French ring since the end of 1957, due to military service. At the Salle Wagram he stopped Gene Johns of America in the second stanza of their middles maul while Charley Attali was held to a draw by a newcomer from Belgium, Victor Raes, in a middles ten.

▶ At **Pau,** Victor Pepeder outscored Ahcene Attar in a fast lightie ten..

▶ At the Mutualite in **Paris,** Guizani Rezgui won a close one from square-rigged Jacky Chauveau in a rugged lightweight ten while Michel Serenus was stopped in the third of a middles slam by Jacques Sorriaux.

▶ **Soissons,** France. Max Brianto, towering Guadaloupe heavy, scored his first victory in two years by outpointing local fighter Francois Kania over ten rounds.

▶ At **St. Brieuc,** Gaston Mathieu nodded Jo Lemoine in a welter ten.

▶ **Istanbul,** Turkey. The globe-trotting Turk, Garbis Zakaryan, returned from the Lebanon to dispose of the Egyptian welter champ, Salah Masri, who was dropped twice in the last round but managed to last the distance.

▶ **Las Palmas,** Spain. Young Miguel Calderin, called "Kimbo" by his associates, had his first smack at the national bantam title here when he met Antonio Diaz for the second time. At their first meeting last August, Kimbo managed to hold the champ to a draw and their return slam, title at stake, drew 6,000 fans to the Estadio Insular. After a lively twelve-rounded Kimbo achieved another draw, Diaz thus retaining the title. Calderin is 23 and has lost but one bout to date, which he later avenged. Angelito Jerez moved into the middleweight line-up by trouncing a former champion, Domingo Lopez, over eight.

▶ **Cordova,** Spain. At the local bull-ring, Carmelo Beraza fought a draw with tough Jose Murgui in a welter eight and in **Barcelona,** Ballester trimmed Julian Lopez in a feathers eight. In a couple of middles shindies, Juan Ruiz laced Antonio Lopez over eight rounds and Fernando Penarroya halted Tena in the second session.

▶ **Hamborn,** Germany. Manager Kronenberger opened here with his first attempt to get small-time promotions under way but a mere 800 spectators supported him. Herbert Sowa, 157, indulged in one of his usual hit-and-be-hit slugfests with the Dutch colonial, Tiger Sno. After knockdowns on both sides Sowa played his ace in the tenth with a left hook to the chin which laid the visitor flatter than a Dutch mountain. Another Hollander evened the score when Johnny De Vos, 149, punched holes in Gerd Mueller to win over eight rounds while Joe Buck, 123, earned more than a draw against Hans Gronen after eight hard sessions. Emil Koch, 157, returned to action by stopping Gerhard Stachowitz in round two and Egon Rass, 171, lost to Paul Potisek over four rounds.

▶ **Ghent,** Belgium. For the first time in its history, the Belgian Federation has authorized amateurs to box with professionals, with next year's Olympics in view. Leon Ven boxed three rounds with veteran Louis De Bolster and won easily but no verdict was given. This is quite common practice in Spain and Turkey but doesn't appear to have improved their amateur standard. Top of the bill was Bob Stevens, 156, who benefited from a hometown verdict in getting the nod over Sauveur Chiocca, 149. Richard Bouchez, national middles champ, caught a Tartar when he tangled with Harko Kokmeyer, who thumped out a points win over ten rounds. Emile Vlaemynck outscored Gobin in a welter eight.

▶ **Paris.** Heavyweights topped the bill at the Central for once when Francois Delannoy outfought Dante Lepercq over eight rounds. A few days later, Michel Diouf, slamster from Senegal, met up with Marius Dori to decide the succession to the national middles title, vacant since Drille gave it up. The Salle Wagram was packed. Dori, a stylist boxer who gets a few contracts, kept the Sable Slasher at a distance for five rounds and ran up a useful points lead. A wild haymaker landed in the sixth and Dori went down. He rose, only to stop another swinging right and was still on the floor when the gong sounded. There was no stopping Diouf in the seventh and he ironed out the Franco-Italian with another flurry of punches to become the new champion. Belaid Meslem drew with Cyprien Carrie in a lightie ten and Fernand Morin likewise drew with Jacques Poinson in a lightie eight.

▶ **Brussels,** Belgium. That great favorite, Jean Sneyers, who kicked off as a flyweight and won European titles at three weight limits, came back here as a lightweight. Now 32, the Angel of the Ring appeared slower than of yore, though still classes above his mediocre opponent, Jose Cifuentes of Spain. He stopped Cifuentes in three. Also making a comeback after a lengthy layoff was Cherif Hamia, once-brilliant idol of sporting Paris. Hamia was also ring-rusty and had less success than Sneyers, being well and truly defeated on points by the evergreen Pierre Cossemyns, who can always be depended on. Carl van Neste trimmed Jean Hoeffler in a welter eight.

▶ **Oran,** North Africa. Gracieux Lamperti, European feathers champ, made short work of Jose Cadalso of Spain, stopping him in three rounds. Francis Magnetto scored a minor sensation by knocking out Jose Gonzalez in the eighth of a heavies slam.

▶ At **Abidjan,** Jules Touan kept busy by beating Joe Tetteh of Ghana in a feathers ten and Yao Kouame halted Steve Journey, Ghana, in the seventh of a cruiser clash.

▶ In **Casablanca,** Giuseppe Baiata, local Italian feather, won over Germain Vivier in a feathers ten.

▶ **Rome,** Italy. Blockbusting Giulio Rinaldi was forced into second gear when he tangled with the stubborn German, Horst Niche, at the Sports Palace. Rinaldi won clearly enough and had the blond Teuton down for "8" in the last round but Niche disputed every inch of the way. Ernesto Miranda, Argentine flyweight, stopped Santos Seoane of Spain in the fifth round of a lively scrap due to a cut eye while Fortunato Manca stopped Jean Debondant of France in the tenth round of a welter affair.

▶ **Paris.** At the Mutualite, two featherweight prospects collided—Antoine Martin and Andre Vairolatto. Both are noted punchers but Andre is fragile. In the third, seventh and tenth rounds, he went down for counts and the last one was for keeps—just ten seconds from the end of the fight! Esteban Martin was ruled out for hitting low in the fifth round of his bantam battle with Michel Lamora.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

IN THE FIGHT OF THE YEAR, MICK LEAHY, Irish middleweight, knocked out Australian welter, BILLY TODD in the eleventh round after trailing on points. It was a wonderful fight, with action from start to finish. A knockout always was imminent, with the Irishman as the one likely to produce the KO drops.

Leahy came on as Billy tired and the end came on the third knockdown in the eleventh frame. The fans enjoyed a thrilling scrap but the feeling was: "What a pity it was a 12-rounder, instead of a ten, as in the States." Not that anyone begrudged the popular Irishman's win, but Billy had turned on such a great performance.

▶Three weeks earlier, Leahy knocked out BRIAN SHEEHAN, leading contender for Todd's title, at Sydney Stadium. Mick wasted little time, storming Brian from the outset. Mick put Brian on the canvas with a right hand. When Brian got up he was dumped again. The fight lasted only 25 seconds.

▶The Australian lightweight title, vacant for so long, has been settled. GEORGE BRACKEN, former title-holder, easily outpointed DAVID OVED for the crown at Melbourne Stadium before a capacity house. The winner was presented with the Hallmark Belt, plus $220 from the cigarette people. The belt has to be won three times before Bracken can keep it. The boys received $3,800 each for their cut of the fight.

▶Australian heavyweight champion ALLEN WILLIAMS made his eighth successful title defense when he halted CARLO MARCHINI in the seventh round at Cooma. The referee was your scribe, who also refereed the two New South Wales State title tilts on the same program. Williams was much too good for Marchini, who hauled down his flag in his corner at the end of the seventh round.

A unique happening! Marchini wanted to quit at the end of the sixth round and called me to his corner to ask me to stop the fight. But Williams said: "Oh, no! Let him fight another round, to give the crowd value for their money!"

Marchini agreed to fight another round, but withdrew after that extra three minutes.

A State featherweight title tilt on the same bill was a beautiful fight. HAROLD PIPER and LOUIS MAGNIFICO boxed well and hit hard. Their speed was terrific and Piper was a long way in front when Louis brought over a left hook in the sixth round which spilled Harold for the second time in his 61-fight career. Piper got off the floor but took two more counts before I stopped it. It was the first time Piper had been stopped.

In the other State title fight, RALPH MOORE, former amateur champion of Australia, was too tall (he is 6' 5") for PETER OITZINGER and won comfortably on points over twelve rounds in a fight which had its moments. A capacity house was thrilled by the program.

▶Australian bantam champion JOHNNY JARRETT knocked out featherweight LES McLEAN in the fifth round at Sydney Stadium in an overweight bout. Jarrett always was in control.

▶At the Brisbane Festival Hall, BILLY STANLEY outpointed JACK WALSH over 15 rounds in a rugged fight for the Queensland State middleweight title. There was little in the points.

There hasn't been a fight since at Brisbane's Festival Hall because of a dispute between the Boxers and Trainers Association and the promoters.

▶At the Festival Hall a week before the dispute, Queensland State lightweight champion GARY COWBURN was too good for N.S.W. State counterpart, STAN HAYWARD, running out an easy points winner.

▶At Sydney Stadium, Golden Boy featherweight DAVID FLOYD halted BRUCE SHELLEY after striking him with a solid right to the jaw in the fourth round. Bruce went down, got up at four but had no clue what was going on and referee Vic Patrick immediately stopped it, crowning Floyd. David now has won all his ten pro fights, seven inside the distance—and three of those wins have been won by right-hand knockouts—yet Floyd is a southpaw!

▶ALFIE SANDS, second-youngest of the fighting Sands family of six brothers made a return to the ring after two years and four months absence. He was soundly beaten by TOMMY COLLINS at the Melbourne Festival Hall (new name for Melbourne Stadium) Referee Terry Reilly stopped it in the tenth, with Sands hopelessly outclassed. Immediately after the fight Stadium, Ltd. barred Alfie from fighting again under their promotion. A wise move. Alfie hasn't anything left.

In another twelve-rounder on the same bill featherweights TOMMY HEPPER and LOUIS MAGNIFICO supplied the fans wih fireworks for the whole journey. Hepper won on points.

This was a week before Magnifico knocked out Piper. The Magnifico-Piper fight was over three-minute rounds; the Magnifico-Hepper fight was over two-minute rounds. Magnifico is a three-minute round fighter.

▶Former amateur champion PETER READ notched up his sixth pro win in as many starts (five by knockout) when he halted Fijian SEREMIA VOKAI in the fifth round. It was a rugged fight, with hard punching being the keynote. It took place at the Melbourne Festival Hall. Read had Vokai badly shaken when Terry Reilly called the halt.

▶In Perth, Western Australia (3,000 miles from Sydney), STEVE ZORANICH, number one contender for the Australian heavyweight title, had little trouble with PETER LAKE, knocking him out in the second round. Steve is a big, strong, tough fellow, who lasted into the fifteenth round against the champion Allen Williams in December 1957. Allen knocked out Steve in the last frame of their title meeting and Steve would like to fight Allen again.

▶All for this month. The writer's address is 23 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

BABY BROWN, 124½, RECENTLY OF CALIFORNIA, TKO'ed Lionel Rivera, 123¾, of Honolulu in the seventh round at Civic Auditorium. Rivera was a completely beaten fighter when the bout was halted.

Javellana Kid, 140, outpointed Lem Miller, 138½, in a hard fought eight round battle. The Kid won the fight on his aggressiveness.

George Thompson, 134, decisioned Bobby Pereira, 133, four rounds. Ben Rodrigues, 136, decisioned Mike Toth, 133¼, four rounds. Ignacio Silva, 139, won over Fred Arelliano, 138½, four rounds.

The fight drew 2,443 fans and grossed $4,663.25.

▶Hawaii State welterweight titlist Stan Harrington, 145¾, won his fourth fight of the year against 2 losses by battering ex-world lightweight champ, Paddy DeMarco, 149, almost at will in a ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. Stan won every round and the unanimous decision but again disappointed his backers by failing to go all out when he seemingly had DeMarco in trouble.

Lem Miller, 141, knocked out Dan Santiago, 145, in the second. Charles Boon, 142, decisioned Thomas Anguay, 141½, four rounds. Larry Dingui, 122½, beat Bobby Herron, 120¾, four rounds. Bobby Pereira, 128½, outpointed Mike Toth, 134, four rounds.

Promoted by Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., the fight drew 2,348 fans and grossed $5,182.00.

Herman Marquez, 120½, Mexican fighter from Stockton, Calif., had too much youth and stamina for Baby Brown of the Philippines and eked out a split decision in a ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. The verdict was close but definitely in Marquez's favor.

The fight was a fast-paced, furious slugging bee, the best seen here in a long time.

Fred Arelliano, 142½, decisioned Charles Boon, 143¾, four rounds. Mike Toth, 133¼, decisioned Dan Melendez, 135¾, four rounds. Larry Dingui, 123, knocked Joe Batulanon, 122, in the 2nd. Pasia Paialii, 155, beat Marvin Barrington, 156¾, four rounds.

Attendance for this fight was 2,301 fans and the gross receipts, $5,311.00.

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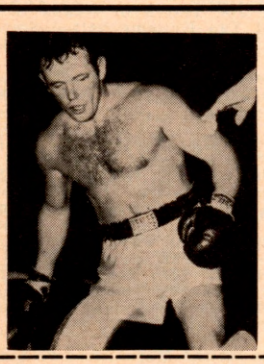

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GOLDEN GLOVES

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An even match? Of course not! Even if Joe is the better fighter, he has little chance to win.

Many fights are won in the corner and an experienced corner man can spot flaws in a boy's style and pass on to his charge the right method to use to take advantage of these faults.

Next time you watch a Golden Glove bout notice the difference getween the smooth teamwork in a Club fighter's corner and the confusion in that of an unattached lad.

In nine out of ten cases, the Joneses are soundly beaten or knocked out. Either they quit of their own accord or are forced by their families to give up thoughts of a ring career.

If such boys could have been matched with lads on their own levels, a greater number would remain in the game.

This of course does not happen often. The unattached fighter is overmatched against his Club fighter foe. The Club Fighter is schooled by a teacher. The unattached boxer gets his learning from a book, most likely Nat Fleischer's "How to Box" or "Training for Boxers."

Until a rule is passed making any boy with club experience compete in the open class, leaving the sub-novice class to the rank amateurs and true beginners, you will have this one-sided result.

In the independent amateur shows the boys were matched by their handlers and the shows' matchmaker according to style and ability, and if you didn't want to fight the boy offered you, you went home and fought the next time, or sometimes the same night at another club. A lad could be nursed along and taught his trade correctly, not pushed into competition over his head.

Top fight trainers and managers in the boxing game will tell you they would rather have a green kid to train as a pro, than a former amateur champion who has fallen into habits, right or wrong, that cannot be corrected.

Most have the idea that as a champions, they know it all and cannot be taught new stunts. Many blaze out of the Gloves and roll up impressive strings of victories until they reach a point at which they have left the preliminaries behind them. Then they fall off quickly or become stagnant.

During the past thirty-two years, two hundred and fifty-six boys have won the coveted Inter-City or National Golden Gloves Championships but only a half dozen have gone on to win world professional boxing championships. Another half dozen gained shots at the crown and two others were synthetic titleholders.

A small percentage, indeed! The champions crowned were Barney Ross, Ray Robinson, Lou Salica, Joey Maxim, Johnny Saxton and Floyd Patterson. Leo Rodak and Nate Brooks gained N.B.A. or North American honors, while Bob Pastor, Pete Lello, Jackie Graves, Roland LaStarza, Tony Anthony and Henry (Pappy) Gault, were title challengers. Gault who also was North American Champion, was the lone challenger to last the limit in his bid for the world crown.

Add the winners of the alternate bouts and you have three more world champions in Davey Moore, Wallace (Bud) Smith and Gus Lesnevich, and two more part champs in Willie Joyce and Melio Bettina.

Of these champions, Robinson, who back in 1939 won as a featherweight and the following year as a lightweight, and Moore, who was the alternate winner at 126 pounds in 1951, are current leaders.

Ross and Salica ruled the roost during the late thirties and Maxim was king during the early '50s, following Lesnevich as champion.

Smith was lightweight king following Jimmy Carter three years ago and Saxton ruled the welters around the same time. Patterson lost his crown last summer.

Tony Anthony, two years ago against Archie Moore, was the last challenger to come out of the Gloves.

To say that their Golden Gloves backgrounds gained them the title, would be true only in the case of Robinson, Saxton, Patterson, Ross and Moore.

Maxim, Salica, Lesnevich and Smith were on in years when they became champions. Even in the cases of Moore and Robinson, they had to jump hurdles to gain the crown. Ray fought often against all comers and was a pro seven years before being crowned, whereas Moore twice retired before fighting the way to the title.

Ross, Patterson and Saxton more or less followed straight paths to the title. Barney, a Golden Glover in 1929, became lightweight champion four years later. Saxton, a glover in 1948, was titleholder six years later. Johnny, although twice the top welterweight, was far from a great fighter as a pro. He was too mechanical. He gained the title in two highly disputed bouts, in which almost everybody disputed the judges.

Patterson made the quickest jump a Glover achieved in 1952. He was heavyweight king four years later. Floyd, like Saxton, showed great promise as an amateur but he never lived up to it. In title bouts with novice Pete Rademacher, Roy Harris and Brian London, before being demolished by Ingemar Johansson, he showed not enough of that old skill.

While numerous other ex-glovers gained world professional titles, they learned their trade after leaving the amateur ranks. Not being champions they were willing and eager to be taught and thus progressed.

The Golden Gloves have done a fine job, but they could do a much better one, if the energy used to publicize these events was put to work to improve the quality of the national tournaments.

LISTON POSES PROBLEMS

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man, the late Clara Wills, for some forty years, no taint ever brushed him either during his life or after his passing.

On top of all this, Wills bore neither Dempsey, Rickard nor Kearns any ill will for never having received his big chance. *"Chappie,"* the big fellow would say, *"it was all politics. Dempsey wasn't a bad fellow, when they tried to bar Big Bill Tate and Jamaica Kid from certain places when they travelled with him, he told people that any place Bill Tate couldn't go, Jack Dempsey couldn't go, either."*

Why was Wills doomed to disappointment despite a clear rating as the ranking heavyweight contender during most of Dempsey's reign as heavyweight champion? While Kearns and Rickard could not be expected to be overly enthusiastic about risking such a walking bonanza as Dempsey against the dangerous Wills, the probable gate would have made it worth their while, since it surely would have broken all records. The part they played in sidetracking Wills has never been completely cleared up.

AL SMITH NOT STRONG FOR A MIXED BOUT

There is little doubt however, about New York Governor Al Smith's chariness about a Dempsey-Wills contest. No partisan of boxing to begin with, Smith had been most unfavorably affected by the unsavory aftermath of the Johnson-Jeffries affair in 1910, and the disorders and years of racial abrasiveness brought about by it.

Of course, Liston hasn't the racial climate of the early years of this century to contend with, as did Wills and Langford, but he will pose a dilemma if he continues to demonstrate his championship qualifications.

Under the argument of rehabilitation, and having paid his debt to society, the imperfections in his past may be waived, as they were in the case of Rocky Graziano and others.

But Liston's reported patrons provide a puzzler since the elimination of undesirable influences in boxing management are most difficult to bring about. No real solution to the setting up of a "front man" has been found, even if Frankie Carbo has been jailed.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LEO ESPINOSA, Oriental BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION AND Philippine featherweight kingpin was relieved of his Philippine crown by Roberto Cruz in 12 rounds at the Coliseum. Leo entered the ring at 121¾, and Cruz was 125½, but the ex-titlist was badly handicapped by the longer reach and height of his rival. Leo was 5'4" while Roberto was 5'10" a difference of 6 inches in height. Leo was outjabbed followed swiftly with right crosses that gave him no time to fight in short range. The unanimous decision was well received by a crowd of 6,000 which had filled one half of the Coliseum.

Kid Tacio, 114, of Guagua opened a cut over the left eye of Speedy Paredes, 114, in the 3rd round which paved the way for his victory in the 7th. Nestor Reyes, 114, halted Joe Espinosa, 118, in 7th round. Flash Virgilio, 117, bested Paul Sebastian, 118, in 8. Ray Gaspar, 110, outpointed Tony Canoy, 110, in 4. Mar Flores, 115, outpointed Baby Jazmin, 117, in 4. Ignacio Makayan, 113, defeated James Verde, 110, in 4.

▶ Young Aquino, 116, halted Leo Zulueta, 114, in the 9th round in Manila. The battler from Nueva Ecija was the aggressor but Leo had been countering beautifully until the ninth when Zulueta accidentally butted his rival, inflicting a deep cut on the eyebrow.

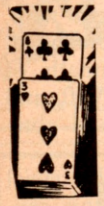
Dommy Roxas, 143, kayoed Teody Alama, 145, in one minute and 18 seconds of the second round. Al Cantara, 123, won over Oscar Guban, 126, in 6. Fighting Cito, 115, bested Hallow Block Boy, 120, in 4.

Romy Sison, 112 won over Baby Galauran, 112, in 10.

▶ Pat Lakandula, 140, kayoed Terry Rebolado, 133, in the 8th in Manila. Terry has the heart as big as his body but constant matching against heavier rivals will end his career earlier than expected. He tried to slug it out against his opponent but found himself at the receiving end. Al Reyes, 120, Davao City, defeated Flash Manzano, 115, in 8. Misu Wonder Boy, 126, drew with Johnny Pasalosdos, 124, in 6. Leo Lanaca, 109, kayoed Jessie Fernandez, 108, in 4. Joe Dionaldo, 129, and Doddie Boy, 126, drew in 4. Cisco Kid, 116, knocked out Pete round special event. Frankie Dizon, 141, Campo, 120, in the 1st round. Speed Olivera, 111, bested Little Reyes, 110, in 4.

▶ Oscar Guban, 129, and Flash Menny, 128, were thrown out of the ring by the referee after 4 rounds of dancing without music at the Guagua Boxing Stadium. The referee had warned them three times to be earnest in their jobs and when they failed, the only recourse was to stop the fight and declare it no contest which was highly approved by the crowd.

Clever Perez, 123, Nueva Ecija and protege of Jake Solomon of Cabanatuan City defeated Fighting Cito, 118, in 6. Little Romulo, 112, bested Kid Regala, 112, in 4 round special event. Frankie Dizon, 141, halted Kid Ritena, 140, in 1 round. Demil Boy, 114, won over Andy Junior, 117, in 4. Little Laxa, 116, and Baby Rudy, 118, drew in the 4 rounds. Clever Jose, 115, lost to Speed Olivera, 116, Calumpit, Bulacan in 4 rounder.



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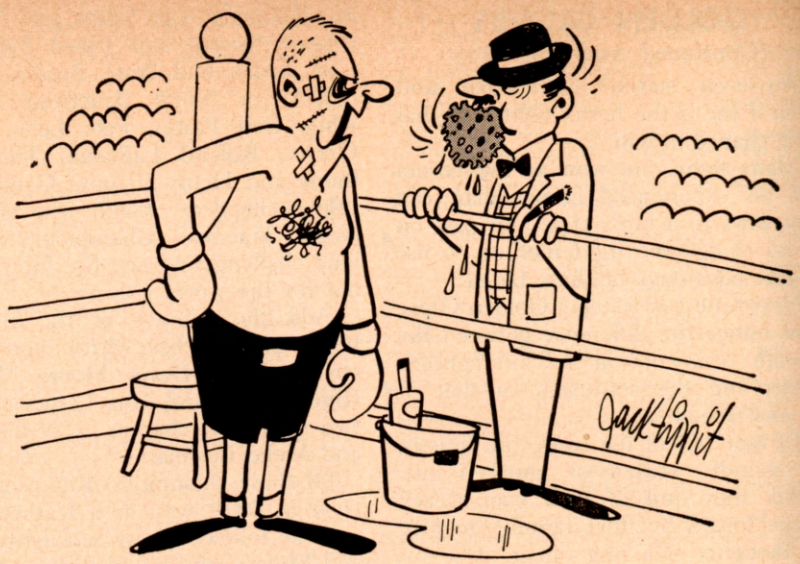

"I'VE HAD ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS"

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

HAMMERIN' HENRY HANK, Detroit's hard hitting middleweight, climaxed a hard fought campaign to national ranking by unanimously outpointing the highly regarder veteran Holly Mims in their twelve round rematch.

Proving further that he does not pick his spots, Hank returned to action two weeks later after his victory over Mims, to defeat tough George Benton over the ten round distance.

Jim Bowlin, manager of Hank, has now begun negotiations with the Olympia Stadium officials in hope that he will be able to show his crowd pleasing middleweight here again against one of the other ranking fighters soon. Bowlin would like nothing better than to pit Hank against Joey Giardello before the hometown folks. To date Detroit fans have never been given the opportunity to see Henry in the ring against the cream of the crop and they should turn out in droves to see their excellent fistic representation in action if paired with a suitable opponent.

▶ Ever since Joe Hemphill, Chicago heavyweight, outboxed Ossie Groom in the Tournament of Champions finals at Chicago several years or so back, Detroit fighters have had little success against the promising Illinois battler. In his Detroit debut last year, Hemphill proved his supremacy over Groom as a professional as well as an amateur by winning a six round decision. Later Hemphill stopped Dave Shoulders in five.

As part of the undercard to the Dick Tiger-Joey Giardello televised bout at the Chicago Stadium, Hemphill, 193, scored a six round decision over the newly crowned Michigan heavyweight champion Willie Coleman, 202, Detroit. Another six on the same card found Oscar Burton, 163, Detroit, gaining the nod over veteran Eddie Sims, 160, of Chicago.

▶ "Don't fence me in", bellowed Dick The Bruiser as he outroughed Killer Lisowski in their grudge match before 12,633 wrestling fans at the Olympia Stadium, who paid $28,906.50 to watch the wild affair. A wire fence was erected around the ring outside the ropes to prevent The Bruiser from seeking refuge outside the ropes. Dick, who is the greatest wrestling draw around these parts in many years, has now been cast victor over Wilbur Snyder, Verne Gagne, Haystack Calhoun, Cowboy Bob Ellis, Yukon Eric and Dr. Big Bill Miller, in addition to Lisowski.

In the semi-final, Joe and Guy Brunetti defeated Angelo Poffo and Hans Schmidt in a best two out of three falls. The remainder of the undercard found Don Eagle, a probable future opponent for The Bruiser, a winner over Dandy Dan Miller; Pat Flanagan bested Mike Valentino, and Jerry Christy and Doug Lindsay battled to a twenty minute draw.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . This correspondent just returned from a very enjoyed stay at Miami Beach highlighted by renewing acquaintances with many old friends such as Angelo and Chris Dundee, Larry Kent and many others. Tommy Devine, former boxing writer for the Detroit Free Press for the past twelve years, is now scribing for the Miami News and enjoying the weather very much. Tommy lost about twelve pounds and is looking great . . . This writer may be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

▶ Michigan state lightweight champion Gene Gresham surprised everyone with the easy manner in which he knocked out equally promising Joe Reynolds, of St. Louis, in four rounds at the Midwest Gym in Chicago. Reynolds, who holds a kayo over Candy McFarland, who in turn is the only fighter to hold a win over Gresham, has an excellent record and was expected to be one of Gene's toughest test's to date.

Gene mastered Reynolds completely before the one-side bout was halted. It was a short left hook that started the finale for the rugged Reynolds, and gave Gresham his 23rd victory in 25 starts of which one was a draw.

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ROCKY MARCIANO ELECTED

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A clever, hard-hitting puncher, Wilde, with his broad shoulders, tapering body and anaemic appearance, was one of the most deceptive fighters of all time.

He began his professional career in 1911 and compiled a fantastically imposing record until stopped by Tancy Lee in 17 rounds in 1915. Within two years he had rolled up another long list of wins and on December 18, 1916, at London, knocked out Young Zulu Kid in eleven rounds for the world flyweight title.

In 1921 he was stopped in 17 rounds, at London, by bantamweight Pete Herman and the following year, on June 18, 1923, was kayoed by Pancho Villa in 7 rounds at New York to lose the world title.

Among some of the other outstanding fighters Wilde met were: Joe Conn, Joe Lynch, Pal Moore and Jack Sharkey.

He had 138 professional bouts, scoring 77 knockouts, winning 47 decisions, winning one on a foul, drawing in 1, losing 1 decision, fighting 8 no decision bouts and being stopped 3 times.

Wilde retired after his loss to Villa in 1923 and turned to writing boxing for British newspapers.

TOM SHARKEY

Born, November 26, 1873, Dundalk, Ireland. Started fighting while in the U.S. Navy, scoring fourteen straight knockouts in Honolulu in 1893-1894.

A rugged, hard-punching heavyweight, Sharkey boasted that he never took a backward step in a ring. The sailor, who had a full rigged ship tatooed on his chest, twice fought vicious battles with Jim Jeffries. The first, in San Francisco in 1898, saw Jeffries win a twenty-round decision. In the second, in 1899, Sharkey lost a twenty-five round decision in a title bout that has been described as one of the greatest contests ever fought between heavyweights.

Sharkey met and defeated many of the great fighters of his time, including Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Joe Goddard, Gus Ruhlin and Kid McCoy.

Following his retirement in 1923, he opened a tavern in New York and later moved to California where he teamed up with Jim Jeffries in vaudeville and personal appearance tours. For a time, in later years, he worked at California race tracks. Sharkey died in San Francisco on April 17, 1953.

He engaged in 54 bouts, scoring 37 knockouts, won 3, drew in 5, lost 4, was stopped twice and had three no decision bouts.

GEORGE LAVIGNE

Born, December 6, 1869, Bay City, Mich. Known as The Saginaw Kid.

Began fighting in 1885 and went through the first thirteen years of his career without a defeat. His initial loss was to Mysterious Billy Smith on March 10, 1899.

Lavigne won the lightweight title by knocking out Dick Burge in 17 rounds at London, England on June 1, 1896. He defended his title often and finally lost it to Frank Erne on July 3, 1899, on a 20 round decision at Buffalo.

Among the other great fighters Lavigne met were George Siddons, Young Griffo, Jerry Marshall, Andy Bowen (Bowen died as a result of the bout), Jack Everhardt, Joe Walcott, Jack McAuliffe, Owen Ziegler, Kid McPartland, George McFadden and Jimmy Britt.

Following his retirement, the Kid went to Paris and opened a school for boxing.

He died on April 6, 1936, at Detroit, Mich.

Lavigne engaged in 55 bouts, scoring 16 knockouts, winning 19, drawing in 8, losing 3, being stopped twice and fighting 7 no decision matches.

PETE HERMAN

Born Peter Gulotta, February 12, 1896, New Orleans, La.

Herman began his career in 1912 and in a short time was fighting top-notch men of the bantamweight division.

On February 7, 1916 he drew in a 20 round bout with Kid Williams for the bantamweight title at New Orleans. A year later, on January 9, 1917, also at New Orleans, he won the title from Williams on a 20 round decision.

It wasn't until December 22, 1920, at New York, that he lost the title, on a 15 round decision to Joe Lynch. They met again on July 25, 1921 and Herman regained the crown. He then lost it to Johnny Buff on September 23, 1921.

Herman scored a 17 round knockout over Jimmy Wilde on January 13, 1921, at London, England. Among his other impressive victories were those over Charlie Ledoux, Jimmy Higgins, Johnny Ertle, Frankie Mason, Frankie Burns and Johnny Coulon.

Following his bout with Roy Moore in 1922, which he won, Herman became blind and retired. He owned a night club in New Orleans and for many years has been a member of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission.

Herman engaged in 146 bouts, scoring 19 knockouts, winning 50 decisions, drawing in 8, losing 11, being stopped once and fighting 58 no decision bouts.

JACK DILLON

Born, Ernest Cutler Price, February 2, 1891, Frankfort, Indiana. Known as the "Giant Killer."

Dillon, who began his ring career in 1908 as a lightweight, fought all the leading fighters of his era, and at his peak little more than a stocky middleweight he tangled with and defeated many heavyweights. Middleweights gave him trouble but against the bigger men Dillon was practically unbeatable.

Among the outstanding fighters he faced were Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Mike Twin Sullivan, Frank Mantell, George K. O. Brown, Frank Klaus, Leo Houck and Bob Moha.

Dillon claimed the vacant light heavyweight title when he defeated Al Norton on April 28, 1914, and lost the crown to Battling Levinsky on a 12 round decision, October 24, 1916 at Boston.

Among the heavyweights he defeated were Frank Moran, Gunboat Smith, Pueblo Jim Flynn, Jim Sargent, Tom Cowler, Tony Caponi and Charley Weinert.

Dillon died on August 7, 1942 at Chattahoochee, Fla.

He engaged in 240 bouts, scoring 61 knockouts, winning 29, drawing in 13, losing 7, having 129 no decision fights and one bout ending in no contest. He was never knocked out.

JOHN GULLY

Born, 1783, Bristol, England. Son of a Bristol butcher, Gully was in debtor's prison when Henry Pearce, British heavyweight champion, came to spar with him. Gully was so impressive in his showing that a British sportsman paid his debts and had him pitted against Pearce for the title.

The fight took place on October 8, 1805 and Gully lost after 64 rounds, lasting 1 hour and 17 minutes. But his reputation was greatly enhanced.

When Pearce retired, Gully was recognized as champion. He twice met and defeated Bob Gregson.

Gully acquired wealth and in 1832, as a result of a bet, he became a candidate for Parliament and was elected. He served two terms and then resigned.

Gully died in March 1863 at Durham, England.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

LUIS RODRIQUEZ, 145½, and ISAAC LOGART, 150½, a pair of welterweight hopefuls from Camaguey, Cuba met in a Miami Beach ring, and Luis, remained unbeaten after ten rounds of close fighting before 2,285 live fans and a nation-wide audience. As customary for him, Rodriquez had to charge home to gain victory number 25. Although the nod was unanimous (Referee Billy Regan, 99-94; Judge Barry Pearlman, 99-94, and Judge Stu Winston, 99-92), a good many ringsiders had Isaac on top.

Prelims on the Chris Dundee show which paid $4,321.95, found Pablo Caripides, 126, decisioning Hector Rodriguez, 124, in six; Herbie Lee, 182, holding Isaac Henry, 200, to a four round draw; Tony Alongi, who seems to be coming along, winning a heavyweight six from Gorilla Gould, and Silky Shelton, taking a welterweight four from Willie Finney.

▶ Of sudden shock to Southern boxing was the recent death of Tony Cancela, of Tampa, a figure prominent since 1929 as boxer, manager, trainer, promoter and agent. One of the greatest all-time athletes developed in Florida, Tony forsook a football career to turn boxer and in the period between 1929 and 1935, he tangled with many of the best in the business. His punch carried plenty of authority as his 27 knockouts in 76 pro bouts will testify. He won 24 by decisions; lost 19 decisions; had three draw verdicts; one no-decision; one no-contest, and was stopped once, by Leroy Haynes at the near-close of his career.

▶ Body-punching Chico Vejar, 153½, made good use of that skill and it paid off at Miami Beach where the one-time welterweight contender won a 10-rounder from Cuban Miguel Diaz, 160. Carrying some extra weight around the midriff, Diaz couldn't keep Chico away from the food basket which was the prime target from the start.

Freddie Blades, 177, scored a TKO over Willie Mack, 174¼, in the fifth. Jimmy Cortez, 139½, stopped Earl Brabb, 138¾, in the opening round. Harry Lee Irwin, 148½, drew in four with Eddie Bobbs, 147. But the best fireworks of the card came in the four rounder between Billy Morgan, 135½, and Bobby Williams, 138½, and after turns to the canvas the verdict was a popular draw.

▶ Frank Hartley reports in with an Augusta, Georgia card. In the feature 10, Billy DePriest, 147, of Alabama, dropped Ricky Alvereze twice for nine counts and went on to win the decision despite a hurt hand.

Elmer Adams, of Graniteville, won a four from Butch McDaniel, of Augusta. Charles Guyton TKO'ed Ed Maddox in two. Louis Staten, of Charlotte, won a sixer from Billy Kelsey, of Augusta.

▶ Maury Lanken promoted a show at North Miami with the new club reportedly drawing $3,700 from an approximate 2,000 fans. In the feature attraction Chico Vejar took on Andy Mayfield and won it in 10 rounds via decision. With the round-by-round system prevailing (points at the Beach). The card, a good one however, had two lady boxers, Miss Barbara Buttrick, of Yorkshire, England, 103 pounds, and Miss Gloria Adams, 116 pounds (reported to have admitted to 145 pounds) competing in a four and won by Miss Buttrick.

In the co-10, Eddie Beattie won the tab from all officials. He beat Ross Calvin, of Nashville. Voting for Eddie, were Referee Mike Kaplan, 8-1-1; Judge Meyerson, 8-2, and Judge Charley Brennan, 7-1-2. Bobby Williams halted Jose Thomas in two rounds, and Herbert Reed stopped Jimmy Beazley in one heat.

▶ Jimmy Beecham won his second bout on the comeback trail with a 10 round duke over Randy Sandy, at Miami Beach. The bout was mostly fought in close and Sandy was warned for low punching by Referee Billy Regan, a point taken away in the third. The loser didn't show much in main eventing but the best have a night off. Ref Regan tabbed it 99-91, as did Judge Stu Winston, and Judge Barry Pearlman voted 97-93. The co-10, between Vince Bonomo and Rocky Randell, went to Vince in a close tilt. They're lightweights. Ref Cy Gottfried had it, 98-95, ditto for Judge Gus Jacobson, while Judge Fred Aaronson saw it, 97-95. Chris Dundee promoted. The show drew 1,468 folks and a gate of $2,047.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD:—Sport Promoters Inc. presented their first boxing show at their new location, Hartford Skating Palace, on No. Main St., and it's by far the best spot for boxing in Hartford. It's plenty big and viewable from any location, no girders or poles to obstruct vision.

Billy Lynch met tough and durable Wesley Lowry of Allentown, Pa., in the feature attraction, scheduled for 10 rounds. Lowry, with a record of never having been knocked out, that is for a 10 count, was expected to give the Hartford battler a rough night, but Lynch had things pretty much his own, boxing beautifully and keeping his opponent at bay with his talented left. In the eighth Lynch caught his foe on the ropes and pounded away with left and right combinations that was just too much for the game Lowry who fell on his face and was counted out by referee Guido Francimore. Both boys weighed in at 150 pounds.

A good undercard was topped by an exciting heavyweight brawl between Hartford's Abe Davis, 193 and New York's Johnny Byrd, 187, with Davis winning a one point margin on the basis of having scored knock-downs in the first and third rounds, of a six round bout. Newcomer, Norman Smith, 136, Washington, D. C., was very impressive in scoring a clean knockout in the second round over Johnny Taylor, 141, of New York. Carmelo Acevedo, 124, Hartford, decisioned game Jackie Horn, 127, New Haven, in a six, and Wallace Roberts, 148, New York, scored a second round TKO over Joe Sheppard, 152, New Haven. 480 fans paid in a gross of $1,488.

▶ In its second show at Hartford's Skating Palace, Sport Promoters, Inc., featured a 12 round state lightheavy weight match, between Hartford's Jimmy Monts, 163, and Wallingford's newcomer, Al St. John, 173. St. John started the first round in whirlwind fashion with a flurry of punches that had Monts on the deck in less than a minute, pounded him to the floor again just as the bell ended the round. With the start of the second round, St. John was more vicious than in the first and decked Monts twice more before Referee Joe Howard called a halt to the slaughter, in 1 minute and 10 seconds of the second round.

Johnny Byrd, 188, reversed his recent one point loss to Abe Davis, 196, Hartford, by the same margin of one point. The New Yorker's edge was gained by a knock-down in the fourth round of another exciting six round bout. Louis Quironi, 127, Providence, lost a six round decision, in a clean fast bout to Hartford's Carmelo Acevedo, 125. In the semi-final, of eight rounds, Norman Smith, 137, Washington, continued to look good, in winning a close decision over the more experienced, George "Kid" Ross, 141, Hartford. 414 fans contributed to a gate of $1,000.50.

The Connecticut Boxing Guild's recent Sports day in honor of two stricken exboxers, Eddie Reed and Freddie Polowitzer, held in East Hartford was a tremendous success with boxing figures throughout the state in attendance. Co-chairmen Sam Gulino and Manny Leibert, with all the Guild members did an outstanding job.

LAS VEGAS NOTES
By Red Greb

BOXING SHOULD RECEIVE A BIG LIFT FROM AN announcement made pertaining to the formation of a new boxing club. The SILVER STATE SPORTS CLUB, with Jack Doyle and Mel (Red) Greb at the helm, hopes to put on a monthly show at the new 7-million dollar Convention Center. This auditorium will seat 9,000 for a boxing match. Managers desirous of showing there fighters in this area should contact this scribe at 307 So. Main St., Las Vegas, Nev.

▶ Reno:—The Javellana Kid, 139, a sturdy battler out of the Phillipine Islands, exploded a savage left hook to the chin of Hank Salcido, 136, and the lights wen out for the Pecos, Texas, lightweight. The kayo occurred suddenly in the third canto. The first two rounds were boxed on an even-stephen basis.

George Santiago, 147, outpointed Russell Davis, 143, after six hectic rounds. The fours: Frankie Elias, 136, stopped Spud Peroddy, 139, in four rounds; Jimmy Eason, 134, shaded Jean La Forte, 144. Andy Andrews, 126, duked Jimmy Pope, 126. Carl Looney, 190, stopped king-sized Jerry Nolan, 216, in two heats.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

DAVE ASHLEY, CINCINNATI'S FIGHTING POLICEMAN from Lockland, has signed up with manager George Berlage of Brooklyn and he will probably show on the TV program in Cincinnati. Berlage also has Ashley booked for a Pittsburg showing.

▶ AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . last month we renewed acquaintance with Billy Stribling, promising heavyweight of the early 1930's. . . . Strib never went all the way to the top but he was a pleasing performer in all of his fights around the middle west . . . served a hitch in the Service, then the merchant marines before returning home in 1950. . . . Strib, or Howard Rosenstiel, operates the Village Bar in suburban O'Bryonville . . . my 1960 promoters and managers guide will be ready next month at one dollar per copy . . . my weekly boxing letter service going very good . . . ten dollars per year to those managers, matchmakers, promoters or fans who are interested . . . write me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio. . . . Isaac Vaughn, Cincinnati lightweight fighting out of Miami, would like to show before a hometown crowd. . . . Vaughn is managed by likeable Pat O'Malley.

CANADIAN MARITIME
By Fred Bishop

HALIFAX: LONNIE SPARKS, 139, HALIFAX, slow footed but fast handed, blasted out boxing master Jackie Hayden, 138, Westville, with a wicked left hook seconds after the seventh round began to cop the Jr. Canadian welterweight crown. Hayden, a short notice replacement for Jean Dulhoste, Montreal, had outclassed Sparks throughout till Sparks landed. Hayden trying to beat the count at seven dropped flat on his face to be counted out.

Yvon Turenne, 155, Montreal, came off the floor in the first from a sneak right, to bull and blast Blair Richardson, 155, South Bar, all over the ring only to have Richardson awarded a sixth round T.K.O. due to a ripped left eye brow which required ten stitches to close. Throughout the five rounds Richardson pressed hard, appeared over anxious as he missed far more than he landed.

In fours, Jimmy Gillis, 144, New Glasgow, N. S., proved too ringwise for Bobby McNeill, 148, Syd. Mines, and walked off with the dec. in a good go. McNeill was making his pro. debut. Another likely looking lad, also breaking in, Don Green, 161, had too many guns for Danny Kuhn, 158, Dartmouth, and took the unanimous dec. in a rough go.

▶ Sydney, N. S.: Blair Richardson, 156, South Bar, racked up his sixteenth win as a pro, as he hung a fourth round kayo on Young Willie Troy, 165, Boston. Troy, subbing for Dave Grant, did not impress the Sydney fans.

Johnny Devison, 121, Glace Bay, made short work of Lorne Spencer, 122, Stewiacke, N. S. as he crossed with a right to stop him at the 1.07 mark of the first. In a four, Kevin Richardson 135, South Bar, outpointed Dave Barnett 135, Westmount.

▶ Moncton, N. B.: Yvon Durelle, Baie Ste. Annes, at a heavy 190, just had enough experience to outlast rugged Young Beau Jack, 168, Boston. Durelle belted him out midway through the ninth after taking a going over through the middle rounds.

Ernie Durelle, 163, Baie Ste. Annes, a brother of Yvon's, after a year's layoff found the going tough and lost the dec. to newcomer Emery Boudreau, 164, Buctouche, N. B., in the semifinal of six. Joey Durelle, 146, a cousin of the clan, stopped Bobby Speight, 137, Saint John, N. B., in two.

Kid Rogers, 144, Moncton, stopped hard hitting Paul Anderson, 145, Moncton, in three and Ed. Gallant, 175, Shediac, N. B., iced Jack Fournel in the fourth round.

▶ Halifax: Ring rusty after a eighteen month layoff, Cliff "Bobo" Fiddler, Prince Albert, Sask., put up a surprising strong fight against South Bar belter, Blair Richardson, before being an eighth round T.K.O. victim. Richardson carried most of the rounds but found Fiddler an elusive target. A straight right dropped Fiddler in the sixth. He was up at one but took the mandatory "8". A nasty cut along the left eye forced referee Jack Delaney to call halt midway through the eighth, awarding Richardson his fourteenth straight kayo, ten this year. Richardson and Fiddler both 156.

Lenny Sparks, 147, Halifax, threw enough bombs at Red Bernie Raines, 146, Hartford, for referee Frank MacIntosh to award Sparks a fifth round T.K.O. Raines had hit the deck early in the fifth but was fighting back strongly when the surprising end came. Sparks has now won sixteen of eighteen with eleven kayo's.

In fours, Jimmy Gillis, 145, New Glasgow, weathered a rough last round to outlast up-and-coming Bobby McNeill, 146, Syd. Mines, in a good go. Rugged Don Green, 163, Dartmouth, scored his first pro kayo as he used the ropes as a springboard to shoot one wicked right to the chin of Noel Moris, 161, Sydney, to knock him cold at the two minute mark of the second round. Johnny Dupre, 129, Dartmouth, fought to a draw with wild swinging Ronnie States, Kentville, N. S.

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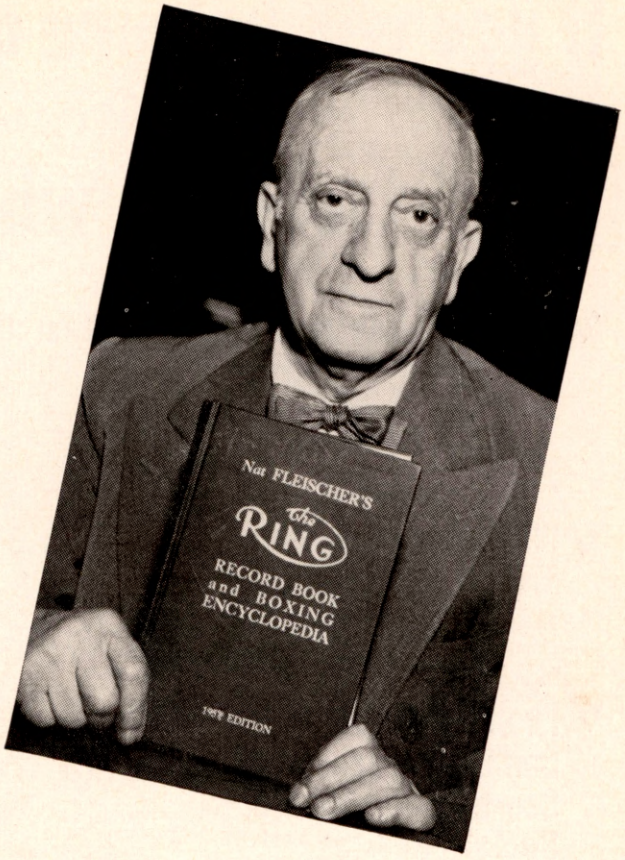

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